



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 8628 OF 2024

Bhakti Bhanudas Putwad

VERSUS

1. The State of Maharashtra
2. The Scheduled Tribe Caste Certificate Verification Committee

Mr. S. M. Vibhute, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. A. R. Kale, AGP for respondent/State

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CORAM : MANGESH S. PATIL &
SHAILESH P. BRAHME, JJ.

DATE : 21.08.2024

PER COURT :

The petitioner is challenging the order of respondent no.-2 Scrutiny Committee refusing to validate her 'Koli Mahadev' Scheduled Tribe certificate.

2. It transpires during the course of hearing that the petitioner's father Bhanudas was issued with certificate of validity, however, by undertaking re scrutiny his validity was recalled. He has challenged that decision in Writ Petition No. 6668 of 2023. By order dated 20/06/2023 operation of the judgment and order recalling his validity has been stayed. Petitioner's real brother Aditya was thereafter directed to be

issued with a certificate of validity subject to the final outcome of the decision in respect of the matters which it had reopened, obviously of their father Bhanudas.

3. In view of above, the impugned order is liable to be quashed and set aside and even the petitioner deserves to be issued with a certificate of validity which shall be co-terminus with the validity of her father Bhanudas.

4. The writ petition is partly allowed. The Committee shall immediately issue certificate of validity to the petitioner of 'Koli Mahadev' Scheduled Tribe which shall be co-terminus with the Bhanudas's validity. Petitioner shall not be entitled to claim any equities.

(SHAILESH P BRAHME, J.)

(MANGESH S. PATIL, J.)

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