

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO.5977 OF 2024

Gaurav Namdeo Pawar

... Petitioner

versus

Scheduled Tribe Caste Certificate

Verification Committee, Pune & Ors.

... Respondents

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Mr.S.G.Kudle for the Petitioner.

Mr.S.H.Kankal, AGP for the Respondent-State.

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**CORAM : NITIN JAMDAR AND
M.M.SATHAYE, JJ.**

DATE : 25 APRIL 2024

P.C. :

. The Petitioner is seeking a direction to issue a caste validity certificate to the Petitioner. This direction is sought on the ground that the Petitioner's father and brother have already been granted validity certificates. This may be a position, but that does not mean that this Court without the process of verification being undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee can directly issue a validity certificate to the Petitioner. However, the prayer of the Petitioner that since the Petitioner is a student and that there are

validity certificates issued to his family members, the prayer made to direct the Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste claim at the earliest, is justified.

2. The learned AGP states that the caste claim of the Petitioner will be decided by 30 June 2024. The learned AGP, however, points out that even assuming that the Petitioner takes admission in the reserved category based on the caste certificate, time is granted by the Education Authorities normally to get validity certificate if the claim is pending. Since a categorical statement is made before us by the learned AGP, on instructions, that the caste claim of the Petitioner would be decided by 30 June 2024, we dispose of the petition accepting the statement. It is open to the Petitioner to inform the Education Authorities of this order in case the question of providing validity certificate arises.

3. Writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

4. The Petitioner will cooperate with the Scrutiny Committee.

(M.M.SATHAYE, J.)

(NITIN JAMDAR, J.)