



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

WRIT PETITION NO. 4454 OF 2025

SAPNA KRANTIKUMAR SONAVANE

VERSUS

THE DISTRICT COLLECOTR JALGAON AND OTHERS

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Mr. Amol S. Mail h/for Mr. Desale Nilesh N., Advocate for Petitioner
Mr. K. B. Jadhavar, AGP for Respondents-State

CORAM : S. G. CHAPALGAONKAR, J.

DATE : 02.07.2025

PER COURT :-

1. Petitioner has been disqualified in view of Section 10(1-A) of Maharashtra Village Panchayat Act, as she could not produce caste validity certificate within stipulated period.

2. Learned Advocate appearing for petitioner submits that petitioner's claim for caste validity is still pending before the competent authority and despite her efforts, the same could not be decided within stipulated time. Therefore, there is no fault on the part of petitioner.

3. The aforesaid contention of the petitioner cannot be accepted in view of mandatory provisions under Section 10(1-A) of Maharashtra Village Panchayat Act. It is not in dispute that election of petitioner took place and she was elected in the year 2021. Therefore, even she cannot take benefit of Maharashtra Ordinance No-3 dated 01.08.2022.

4. In that view of the matter, there is no merit in present petition. Hence, writ petition stands **rejected**.

[S. G. CHAPALGAONKAR, J.]