

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 11523 OF 2025

Nandkumar Namdev Natke

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through Its Secretary And Others

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr. Sunil Mahadevappa Vibhute

AGP for Respondent/State : Ms. K.B. Patil Bharswadkar

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CORAM : R.G. AVACHAT &
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.

DATED : SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

PER COURT :

. The petitioner is seeking a limited prayer of direction to the respondent no.2/Caste Scrutiny Committee to decide the proposal submitted for verification of his caste claim expeditiously. We therefore deem it appropriate to pass an innocuous order by directing respondent no.2/Caste Scrutiny Committee to decide the caste claim of the petitioner within a period of four months from today.

2. It is submitted that the employer of the petitioner i.e. respondent nos.3 to 7 have issued the communication directing the petitioner to submit the caste validity certificate, failing which the services of the petitioner would be discontinued. We, therefore, pass the following order :

ORDER

- (i) The respondent no.2/Caste Scrutiny Committee is hereby directed to decide the caste claim of the petitioner within a period of four months from today.
- (ii) The respondent nos.3 to 7 shall not take any coercive action against the petitioner during the pendency of the caste claim of the petitioner before the respondent no.2/Caste Scrutiny Committee.
- (iii) We make it clear that the protection granted by us will operate only till the decision of petitioner's caste claim.
- (iv) With these directions, writ petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, J.)

(R.G. AVACHAT, J.)