

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 6299 OF 2025**

Kum.Iram Irshadali Barmare ... Petitioner

versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ... Respondents

Mr.Rakesh Bhatkar with Mr.Mohan N.Devkule for the Petitioner.

Mrs.D.S.Deshmukh, AGP for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2, State.

CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE AND

ASHWIN D. BHOBE, JJ.

DATE : 8TH MAY, 2025

P.C. :

1. The Petitioner's claim of belonging to the Khatik (OBC) (Muslim) has been invalidated by the Competent Committee.

2. **Issue notice to the Respondents**, returnable on 30th June, 2025. The learned AGP waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent Nos. 1 and 2, State.

3. The learned AGP submits that the Petitioner has a caste certificate of Kasai-316 (Other Backward Class) and does not have a

Khatik (Other Backward Class) certificate. He got elected to the post of Sarpanch which was reserved for the Other Backward Class category, by claiming that he belongs to the Khatik OBC category.

4. Insofar as interim relief is concerned, we note that the post of Sarpanch was reserved for the Other Backward Class category. The Petitioner got elected to the post of Sarpanch, on the ground that his claim of belonging to the Khatik community was pending validation. However, he does not have a Khatik caste certificate and without which he cannot claim validation of his claim of belonging to the Khatik. He has a Kasai caste certificate. However, the Petitioner never sought validation of the Kasai certificate which he has. In these circumstances, **no interim relief.**

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)