



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO. 5203 OF 2019

Mr. Varun Vinodkumar Bais

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra, Thru. Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Welfare
Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai and anr.

Office notes, Office Memoranda of
Coram, appearances, Court's orders
or directions and Registrar's orders.

Court's or Judge's Orders.

Mrs. Shilpa G. Barbate, Advocate for petitioner.
Mr. H.D. Marathe, AGP for respondent Nos.1 & 2.

**CORAM : NITIN W. SAMBRE AND
MRS. VRUSHALI V. JOSHI, JJ.**

DATE : 28.03.2025.

Heard.

2. The challenge is to the order dated 24.12.2018 passed by the respondent – Committee wherein not only the claim of the petitioner of belonging to Rajput Bhamta (V.J.) category for issuance of the validity is rejected but also the Committee forfeited the validity certificate of the father of the petitioner.

3. It could be inferred from the record that the father of the petitioner was never put to notice before the forfeiture of the validity certificate.

4. Apart from above, it was for the Committee to trace the papers in relation to the validity certificate of the father before recording any findings. The order of the Committee lacks the aforesaid consideration, it not only suffers from non-application of mind but there is also absence of requisite reasons for rejection of the claim, and therefore, the same is set aside.

5. As such, the impugned order dated 24.12.2018 passed by the Committee is hereby quashed and set aside. It is further clarified that even the decision of the Committee of forfeiting the validity certificate of the father of the petitioner is also illegal and same is also set aside.

6. The petition stands allowed in the above terms.

(Mrs. Vrushali V. Joshi, J.)

(Nitin W. Sambre, J.)