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			WPMS No. 619 of 2021 **Shivam (Minor) & ors ---- petitioners** **Vs** **State of Uttarakhand & ors ---- respondents** **Hon'ble Manoj Kumar Tiwari, A.C.J.** 1. Mr. Rakshit Joshi, learned counsel for the petitioners. 2. Ms. Swati Verma, learned Brief Holder for the State. 3. Petitioners applied for grant of caste certificate. According to them, they belong to a community which is identified as 'Other Backward Class' and, a certificate to that effect deserve to be issued to them. Their application was rejected. Thus, feeling aggrieved they have approached this Court. 4. Counter-affidavit is filed by Tehsildar, Kashipur. The stand taken in the counter-affidavit is that petitioners have not produced any evidence to show their permanent resident status in the State, fifteen years before creation of State of Uttarakhand. Reliance is placed upon Government Order dated 20.11.2001. The counter-affidavit was filed on 01.04.2022. No rejoinder-affidavit has been filed even though time for that purpose was given to

the petitioners on 03.11.2022. Thus, this Court has no other option but to treat the averments made in the counter-affidavit to be correct.

5. Since petitioners failed to produce any evidence in support of their claim that they belong to a community which is identified as 'Other Backward Class' by State of Uttarakhand and, also that they were residing within territorial limits of Uttarakhand fifteen years before the date, when State was reorganized, in term of the Government Order dated 20.11.2001. Therefore, this Court does not find any reason to interfere with the matter.

6. The writ petition is, accordingly, dismissed. However, petitioners shall be at liberty to move fresh application for grant of caste certificate with supporting documents and, if they move such application, the same shall be dealt with as per law.

(Manoj Kumar Tiwari, A.C.J.)
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