





Judgment

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.

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WRIT PETITION NO. 4838 OF 2018.

Bhargav s/o Haridas Shrirame, Aged about 17 years, Occupation student, through natural guardian Father Shri Haridas s/o Shamrao Shrirame, Aged about 50 years, Occupation – Service, resident of Quarter No. NB-85, Shakti Nagar, WCL Colony, Post Urjanagar, Chandrapur.

... PETITIONER.

VERSUS

- 1. The Vice-Chairman/Member Secretary, Scheduled Tribe Caste Certificate Scrutiny Committee, Gadchiroli.
- 2.The Principal, KDK College of Engineering, Nagpur.
- 3. The Vice-Chancellor/Registrar, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur.

RESPONDENTS.

Ms. P. Rane, Advocate for the Petitioner. Ms. M.A. Barabde, AGP for Respondent No.1.

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<u>CORAM</u>: <u>B.P. DHARMADHIKARI</u> <u>AND Z.A HAQ, JJ.</u>

DATE : AUGUST 03, 2018.

ORAL JUDGMENT: (PER B.P. DHARMADHIKARI, J).

Heard Ms. P. Rane, learned Counsel for the petitioner and Ms. M.A. Barabde, learned A.G.P. for respondent no.1 Committee. As the order of Scrutiny Committee dated 12.07.2018, is impugned in the present petition, service on other respondents, is dispensed with. With consent of the learned counsel appearing in the matter and considering the nature of controversy, Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal by issuing Rule, making the same returnable forthwith.

- 2. All documents looked into by the respondent Scrutiny Committee mentions caste as 'Mana'. There is not a single document in which some other caste has been mentioned. There are validities issued to the real uncle of the petitioner, and thereafter to his two cousins.
- 3. The order impugned therefore, proceeds only on the basis of an assumption and then applies affinity test.
- 4. Similar issues are looked into by this Court in a

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judgment reported at 2018 (2) Mh.L.J. 460 (Gajanan Pandurang Shende .vrs. Head Master, Govt. Asharm School, Dongargaon Salod and others).

- 5. In present matter the oldest document looked into is of the year 1918-19. None of the documents are found to be fabricated. We therefore, find the impugned order unsustainable. It is accordingly quashed and set aside. Respondent no.1 Scrutiny Committee is directed to immediately issue validity in favour of petitioner.
- 6. Writ Petition is accordingly allowed. Rule is made absolute in aforesaid terms, with no order as to costs.

JUDGE JUDGE

Rgd.