



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 2540 OF 2022

(Rajesh S/o Keshavrao Ingale

Vs.

Scheduled Tribe Caste Certificate Scrutiny Committee, Thr. Its Member,
Secretary, Camp, Amravati, Tq. & District Amravati)

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram, Appearances, Court's orders or directions and Registrar's orders	Court's or Judge's orders
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Mr. M.V. Bute, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Ms. Tajwar Khan, AGP for the Respondent/State.

CORAM: AVINASH G. GHAROTE AND
M.W. CHANDWANI, JJ.

DATED : 18th AUGUST, 2023

Heard Mr. Bute, learned counsel for the petitioner and Ms. Khan, learned AGP for the respondent/State.

2. The petition challenges the order dated 26.08.2002 passed by the Scrutiny Committee invalidating the caste claim of the petitioner and claiming a remand for fresh consideration on the ground that the petitioner was not afforded an opportunity to participate in the proceedings before the Scrutiny Committee.

3. With the assistance of the learned AGP for the respondent/State, We have perused the original records produced by the learned AGP for the respondent/

State which indicate, that the petitioner had indeed participated in the proceedings before the Scrutiny Committee. The Vigilance Report was sent to the petitioner by the communication dated 31.01.2002 (page 189 of the record), to which the petitioner submitted his reply on 25.02.2002 (page 201 of the record). That apart, the petitioner was also served with the notice of hearing on 26.08.2002 (page 203 of the record), which would clearly indicate the participation of the petitioner in the proceedings before the Scrutiny Committee, in that view of the matter, We do not find any reason to accept the plea raised by the learned counsel for the petitioner regarding non affording an opportunity, that too after a period of 20 years.

4. The Petition is therefore **dismissed**. No costs.

(M.W. CHANDWANI, J.)

(AVINASH G. GHAROTE, J.)

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