



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

Writ Petition No. 6839 of 2018

**Petitioners :** Shubham s/o. Bandu Dhone,  
Aged about 19 years,  
Occupation : Student,  
R/o. At and Post Mangalgaon,  
Tq. Chimur, District Chandrapur.  
versus

**Respondents :** The Schedule Tribe Caste Certificate Scrutiny  
Committee, through its Member Secretary  
and Deputy Director, Gadchiroli.

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Shri Ashwin Deshpande, Advocate with him for petitioner.

Shri V.P. Maldhure, Asst. Govt. Pleader for respondent No.1.  
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**Coram :** Sunil B. Shukre &  
Smt Pushpa V. Ganediwala, JJ

**Dated :** 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

**Oral Judgment (Per Sunil B. Shukre, J)**

1. Rule. Heard forthwith by consent of parties.

2. In this case there is no dispute about the existence of pre-constitutional document in the form of revenue assessment for the year 1918-19 in the name of Pandu, great-great grand-father of the petitioner in which Pandu son of Vithu is shown to be belonging to caste Mana. There are other supporting documents like list of tax assessment for the years 1960-62 in the name of Sakharam Pandu, great grand-father of the petitioner and Record of Right pertaining to the year 1954-55. There is no dispute about the relationships claimed by the petitioners. Therefore, we are of the view that the facts of this case are covered by the view already taken by this Court in the case of **Mrunali Shamrao Wakade v. The Vice-Chairman/Member-Secretary, STC and ors** rendered in WP No. 5171 of 2018 and other connected petitions on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

3. Accordingly, writ petition is allowed. The impugned order is hereby quashed and set aside. Respondent no. 1 Committee is directed to issue validity certificate to the petitioner as he belonging to “Mana” scheduled tribe within four weeks from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Rule is made absolute in the above terms. No costs

**SMT PUSHPA V. GANEDIWALA, J**

**SUNIL B. SHUKRE, J**

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