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

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WRIT PETITION NO. 6254 OF 2023

(Swati d/o Rambhau Nannaware **Vs.**

Scheduled Tribe Certificate Scrutiny Committee, Chandrapur, Thr. Its Chairman & Ors.)

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram, Appearances, Court's orders or directions and Registrar's orders Court's or Judge's orders

Mr. P.P. Dhok, Advocate for the Petitioner. Ms. Ritu Sharma, AGP for the Respondents/State.

CORAM: AVINASH G. GHAROTE AND

SMT. M.S. JAWALKAR, JJ.

DATED: 1st FEBRUARY, 2024

Heard Mr. Dhok, learned counsel for the petitioner and Ms. Sharma, learned AGP for the respondents/State.

- 2. The only reason that the Tribe claim of the petitioner as is spelt out from the decision of the Scrutiny Committee dated 04.08.2023 (page 120) has been declined to be decided is that the caste certificate of the petitioner was issued by the Competent Authority in respect of an area which was beyond its territorial jurisdiction.
- 3. Ms. Sharma, learned AGP for the respondents/State, on instructions makes a statement, that in case the petitioner submits the document of the year



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1918-1919 before the Committee, it can then cause it to be verified to vigilance and redetermine the claim of the petitioner. In that view of the matter, the impugned decision dated 04.08.2023, is hereby quashed and set aside and the matter is remitted back to the Committee to decide the claim of the petitioner afresh on merits in case the documents relating to her Scheduled Tribe status are placed by her before the Committee.

- 4. The petitioner shall appear before the Committee on 12.02.2024 and shall place all the documents of which she places reliance for the purpose of verification by the Committee.
- 5. The Committee thereafter shall decide the Tribe claim of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible.
- **6.** The Petition is accordingly **allowed** in the above terms. No costs.

(SMT. M.S. JAWALKAR, J.) (AVINASH G. GHAROTE, J.)

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