



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 5533 OF 2026

Neel Vivek UtagiPetitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra
Throu. its Secretary & Ors.Respondents

Ms. Samruddhi Kulkarni i/b Mr. Ajit M. Savagave for the Petitioner.

Mr. P. P. Kakade, Addl. GP a/w Ms. P. N. Diwan, AGP for
Respondents-State.

CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE
&
HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, JJ.

DATE : 23rd APRIL, 2026

P.C. :-

1. The Petitioner claims to be belonging to the Koshti Special Backward Class. It is claimed that the father of the Petitioner and the paternal uncle, who is closely related to the father, have been granted validity certificates. Since a family tree has not been placed before the Court in the Petition paper book, we are not advertng to the merits of the claim of the Petitioner.



2. The Petitioner desires that the Committee should decide the claim expeditiously. The claim of the Petitioner has been lodged on 24th November, 2025, just 5 months ago.

3. The learned Additional Government Pleader submits that thousands of students are in queue seeking validity certificates. There are almost around 6,000 to 7,000 orders of this Court granting timelines to decide matters of students, all over the State. The Committees are under work pressure. The claim of the Petitioner lodged on 24th November, 2025 cannot be given precedence over the claims of the other students who are in queue.

4. In view of the above, **this Petition is disposed off** with the observation that, considering the pendency before the Thane District Committee dealing with the Petitioner's claim, no precedence can be given to the claim of the Petitioner. His claim would be considered in queue along with the claim of other students, as per the dates of filing of the proposals. If the Petitioner cooperates wholeheartedly, an endeavor may be made to decide his claim from the students category.



5. For ease of correspondence, the Petitioner submits his email address and WhatsApp numbers as under:

Email Address : ajit.savagave@gmail.com.

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The Committee would enter into correspondence with the Petitioner on the above email/Whatsapp number.

(HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, J.) (RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)