

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.695 OF 2016

Ravindra Lahu Koli and ors. : Applicants.
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and anr. : Respondents.

Mr. Gautam Pyarelal for the Applicants.
Mrs. M H Mhatre, APP for the Respondent/State.
Mr. A B Tajane for the Respondent No.2.

**CORAM : R. M. SAVANT &
SANDEEP K. SHINDE, JJ.**
DATE : 26th September 2017

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1 The Applicants herein are being prosecuted for the offences under the Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 along with the offences under the Indian Penal Code. The defence taken on behalf of the Applicants is that some of the Applicants are belonging to Scheduled Tribe. We therefore inquired from the learned APP as to on what basis a person is treated to be belonging to either scheduled caste or scheduled tribe i.e. whether it is on the consideration of the caste certificate or whether it is on the consideration of the caste validity certificate. We also inquired whether there are any guide-lines issued either by the Director General of Police or the State Government in that regard.

2 The learned APP Mrs.Mhatre sought time to take instructions.

Hence at her request adjourned to 10/10/2017. Ad-interim order which is in operation would continue to operate till the next date.

[SANDEEP K. SHINDE, J]

[R.M.SAVANT, J]