



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

WRIT PETITION NO.6222 of 2022

Ku.Bharti M. Surey(after marriage Smt. Bharti J.Panchgam Vs. State of Mah. And ors.
With

WRIT PETITION NO.6182 of 2022

Gajendra Manohar Surey Vs. State of Mah. And ors.
With

WRIT PETITION NO.6205 of 2022

Ku.Madhuri M. Surey(after marriage Smt. Madhuri Y. Kopulwar) Vs. State of Mah. And ors.
With

WRIT PETITION NO.6255 of 2022

Ku.Pratibha M. Surey(after marriage Smt. Pratibha J.Sayamwar. State of Mah. And ors.

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of
Coram, appearances, Court's Orders
or directions and Registrar's order

Court's or Judge's Order

Shri A.I.Sheikh, Advocate for petitioner in all writ petitions.
Shri A. M. Ghogare, Assistant Government Pleader for respondent nos. 1 & 2.
Ms Nandini, Advocate h/f Shri A.R.Fule, Advocate for respondent no.3 in W. P
No.6182/2022
Shri C. J. Dhumane, Advocate for respondent no.3 in W. P No.6255/22.

CORAM :- NITIN W. SAMBRE AND ABHAY J. MANTRI, JJ.

DATE :- 16th JANUARY 2024.

Heard.

2. The petitioners in all four writ petitions are brothers and sisters born to Manohar Surey.
3. The petitioners were issued caste certificate as that of belonging to Mannewar, Scheduled Tribe by the Sub Divisional Officer, Amravati. Since the said caste certificates are found to be bases for securing employment, the respondent-Employer has referred the claim of the petitioners for verification.
4. The respondent-Scrutiny Committee carried out verification and vide common impugned order dated 19.09.2022 rejected the claim of the petitioners for issuance of caste validity. As such, the petitioners have preferred these writ petitions for questioning the order of the Caste Scrutiny Committee.
5. Mr. Sheikh, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners has invited our attention to the oldest entry dated 06.01.1922 in

relation to Sarwayya Purushottam-grandfather of all the petitioners .

6. The 1922 entry in relation to grandfather speaks of ‘Telangi’ Mannewar. According to him, Telangi is not a caste but it is a official language. That being so, the said entry cannot be read to mean that the petitioners are not entitled for issuance of a validity certificate. His further contentions are the other documentary evidence in relation to the petitioners that too of 1942 speaks about the entry ‘Mannewar’. However we cannot be ignorant to the other entries that of ‘Kshatriya’ Mannewar of 08.07.1953 and 23.07.1940 in relation to Manohar Suryakant Surey, the father of the petitioners and Ragamma Javaje Purushottam Swami, Great Grandmother of the petitioners.

7. The Vigilance Cell has conducted enquiry in the matter and collected the information about the blood relations of the petitioners-Shanti Purushottam Swami, cousin sister of the grandfather and Mira Swami Purushottam. possess entry as ‘Telangi, whereas Rangmma Javaje Purushottam Swami, great grandmother of the petitioners, with the entry ‘Kshatriya’ Mannewar. Similarly, in the school record of the father of the petitioner Manohar Suryakant Surey the entry ‘Kshatriya’ Mannewar on 26.06.1950 is mentioned.

8. The fact remains that Telangi is caste recognized in the cluster of Dhangar at Entry No.29 under NT(C) category. Similarly, ‘Kshatriya is a caste recognized as OBC in the Order.

9. In the aforesaid background, there is strong doubt created as to whether the petitioners belong to ‘Mannewar’ Scheduled Tribe.

10. At this stage, Mr. Sheikh, learned counsel for the petitioners seeks time to prepare and address the Court in the matter.

11. Stand over to 30.01.2024.

(ABHAY J. MANTRI, J.)

(NITIN W. SAMBRE, J.)