**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY**
**BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

**903 FIRST APPEAL NO. 3205 OF 2008**

1. Hari Deochand Marathe
Age: 69 years, Occu: Farmer,
R/o Bramhanpuri, Tq. Shahada
Dist. Nandurbar ….APPELLANT

***VERSUS***

1. The Special Land Acquisition Officer
Medium Project, Dhule
Tq. & Dist. Dhule

2. The State Of Maharashtra
Through Colletor, Dhule,
Tq. & Dist. Dhule
(Now District Nandurbar)

3. The Executive Engineer,
Nimna Tapi Pathbandhare Vibhag,
Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ….RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**FIRST APPEAL NO. 823 OF 2007**

1. Sudam Sajan Patil (Deceased)
Through L.Rs.

1A) Vitthal Sudam Patil,
Age: 38 years, Occu: Agri
R/o. Mohida, Tq. Shahada,
Dist. Nandurbar

1B) Latabai Udhav Patil
Age: 50 years, Occu: Agri
R/o Ashispur, Tq. Shahada
Dist. Nandurbar

1C) Vimalben Pitambar Patil
Age: 47 years, Occu: Agri

R/o Kurawad, Tq. Shahada
Dist. Nandurbar

1D) Smt. Nabibi Sudam Patil
Age: 70 years, Occu: Agri
R/o Maloni, Tq. Shahada,
Dist. Nandurbar ....APPELLANTS

(Appellant No.1A is power of
Attorney Holder of Appellant Nos. 1B to 1D)

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Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**FIRST APPEAL NO. 13 OF 2010**

Madhukar Gorakh Patil
(Deceased) Through L.rs.

1A Vikasbhai S/o Madhukar Patil
Age: 25 years, Occu: Education

1B Sau. Rupali W/o Nayan Patel
Age: 30 years, Occu: Household

1C Smt. Meenaben W/o Madhukar Patil
Age: 50 years, Occu: Household

All R/o Lonakhada, tq. Shahada
Distrcit- Nandurbar ....APPELLANTS

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Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ….RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**X-OBJECTION NO. 32 OF 2023**
**IN FA/1451/2007**

Uddhav S/o Gorak Patil,
Age: 59 years, Occu: Farmer,
R/o Maloni, Tq. Shahada
District Nandurbar ….PETITIONER

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Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ….RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**FIRST APPEAL NO. 2769 OF 2010**

Bansi Ghanshyam Patil
(Deceased) Through L.rs.

1. Ravindra Bansi Patil
Age: 38 years, Occu: Agri

2. Mohan Bansi patil
Age: 35 years, Occu: Agri

3. Sumanbai W/o Bansi Patil
Age: 62 years, Occu: Agri.,

4. Chhayabai W/o Vilas Patil
Age: 40 years, Occu: Agri

All R/o Lonkheda Tq. Shahada
Dist. Nandurbar ....APPELLANTS

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3. The Executive Engineer,
Nimna Tapi Pathbandhare Vibhag,
Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**FIRST APPEAL NO. 2768 OF 2010**

Nagin Murar Patil (Died)
Through L.rs

1. Nabiben Nagin Patil
Age: 69 years, Occu: Agri

2. Sau. Kantabai Vitthal Patil,

Age: 37 years, Occu: Agri

3. Leelaben Uddhav Patil
Age: 34 years, Occu: Agri
4. Hiraben Sharad Patil
Age: 37 years, Occu: Agri

5. Meeraben Sharad Patil
Age: 30 years, Occu: Agri

6. Nitin Nagin Patil
Age: 27 years, Occu; Agri

All R/o. Alchi, tq. Shahada,
Dist. Nandurbar ....APPELLANTS

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3. The Executive Engineer,
Nimna Tapi Pathbandhare Vibhag,
Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**X-OBJECTION NO. 34 OF 2023**
**IN FA/80/2008**

Bula Gorakh Patil
Age; 61 years, Occu: farmer
R/o Maloni, Tq. Shahada
Dist. Nandurbar ....PETITIONER

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3. The Executive Engineer,
Nimna Tapi Pathbandhare Vibhag,
Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**FIRST APPEAL NO. 3209 OF 2008**

Chhabibai Dashrath Patil
Age: 42 years, Occu: Farmer
R/o Bramhanpuri Tq. Shahada
Dist. Nandurbar ....APPELLANT

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Tq. & Dist. Dhule
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3. The Executive Engineer,
Nimna Tapi Pathbandhare Vibhag,
Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**X-OBJECTION NO. 33 OF 2023**
**IN FA/125/2008**

Ramesh Shripat Patil
Age; 54 years, Occu: Farmer,
R/o. Brahmanpuri, Tq. Shahada
Dist. Nandurbar ....PETITIONER

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Tq. & Dist. Dhule
(Now District Nandurbar)

3. The Executive Engineer,
Nimna Tapi Pathbandhare Vibhag,
Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**FIRST APPEAL NO. 4187 OF 2008**

Ramesh Dathu Patil
Age: 47 years, Occu: Farmer
R/o Bramhanpur, tq. Shahada
Dist. Nandurbar ....APPELLANT

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Tq. & Dist. Dhule
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3. The Executive Engineer,
Nimna Tapi Pathbandhare Vibhag,
Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**FIRST APPEAL NO. 4186 OF 2008**

1. Lilabai W/o Hilal Marathe
Age: 39 years, Occu: Agri

2. Laxmi D/o Chudaman Marathe,
Age: 39 years, Occu: Agri

3. Bhatu Chudaman Marathe
Age: 45 years, Occu: Agri

All R/o Brahmanpuri, Tq. Shahada
Dist. Nandurbar ....APPELLANTS

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3. The Executive Engineer,
Nimna Tapi Pathbandhare Vibhag,
Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**FIRST APPEAL NO. 4193 OF 2008**

Dashrath Nattu Patil
Age: 67 years, Occu: Farmer
R/o Bramhanpuri, Tq. Shahada,
Dist. Nandurbar ....APPELLANT

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Tq. & Dist. Dhule
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3. The Executive Engineer,
Nimna Tapi Pathbandhare Vibhag,
Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**FIRST APPEAL NO. 3540 OF 2008**

Bhikubai Shripat Patil
Deceased Through L.Rs.

1. Ramesh Shripat Patil
Age: 65 years, Occu: Agri.,
R/o. Brahmanpuri, Tq. Shahada,
Dist. Nandurbar

2. Kamalbai W/o Jadhav Patil,
Age: 58 years, Occu: Household,
R/o Junawane, Tq. Shahada,
Dist. Nandurbar

3. Meerabai W/o Damu Patil
Age: 55 years, Occu: Household,
R/o Shirud-Digar,
Tq. Shahada, Dist. Nandurbar

4. Ramdas S/o Natthu Patil
Age: 43 years, Occu: Agri
R/o Shahada, Tq. Shahada,
Dist. Nandurbar ....APPELLANTS

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Medium Project, Dhule
Tq. & Dist. Dhule

2. The State Of Maharashtra
Through Colletor, Dhule,
Tq. & Dist. Dhule
(Now District Nandurbar)

3. The Executive Engineer,
Nimna Tapi Pathbandhare Vibhag,
Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**X-OBJECTION NO. 35 OF 2023**
**IN FA/2917/2008**

Devkabai W/o Bhatu Marathe (Died)
Through L.Rs.

Ganesh S/o Bhatu Marathe (Died)
Through L.Rs.,

1A) Sunanda W/o Ganesh Marathe
Age: 50 years, Occu: Household

1B) Tyagraj S/o Ganesh Marathe
Age: 31 years, Occu; Service

1C) Sapna D/o. Ganesh Marathe
Age: 29 years, Occu: Household

1D) Prashant S/o Ganesh Marathe
Age: 27 years, Occu: Education

2A) Chhayabai W/o Ambadas Nawale
Age: 45 years, Occu: Household
Applicant No.1A to 2A
R/o Bramhanpuri, Tq. Shahada
Dist. Nandurbar ....PETITIONERS

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3. The Executive Engineer,
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Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**FIRST APPEAL NO. 4189 OF 2008**

1. Prabhakar Chhoutulal Vispute
Died Through L.rs.

1-A Mangalabai W/o Prabhakar Vispute
Age: 69 years, Occu; retired

1-B Pavan S/o Prabhakar Vispute,
Age: 32 years, Occu: Classes

1-C Sonal W/o Nandkumar Randhir,
Age: 44 years, Occu: Household

1-D Shilpa W/o Vinayak Sonawane
Age: 42 years, Occu: Household

1-E Prachi W/o Rahul Sonawane
Age: 40 years, Occu: Household

All applicants R/o Bramhanpuri,
Tq. Shahada, Dist. Nandurbar ....APPELLANTS

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3. The Executive Engineer,
Nimna Tapi Pathbandhare Vibhag,
Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar
....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**FIRST APPEAL NO. 4188 OF 2008**

Chagan Tarachand Marathe
Age: 67 years, Occ: Farmer,
R/o. Bramhanpuri, Tq. Shahada
Dist. Nandurbar ...APPELLANT

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3. The Executive Engineer,
Nimna Tapi Pathbandhare Vibhag,
Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**FIRST APPEAL NO. 4190 OF 2008**

1. Sudam Sadu Patil (Deceased)

2. Krushna Sadu Patil (Died)
Through L.Rs.

2-A Radhabai W/o Krushna Patil
Age: 60 years, Occu: Nil

2-B Vijay S/o Krushna Patil
Age: 37 years, Occu: Agri

2-C Sanjay S/o Krushna Patil
Age: 32 years, Occu: Service

All R/o Brahmanpuri, Tq. Shahada
Dist. Nandurbar ....APPELLANTS

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3. The Executive Engineer,
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Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**FIRST APPEAL NO. 3206 OF 2008**

Limbaji Chhagan Patil
Age: 55 yearsm Occu: Farmer
R/o Brahmanpuri, Tq. Shahada
Dist. Nandurbar ....APPELLANT

***VERSUS***

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3. The Executive Engineer,
Nimna Tapi Pathbandhare Vibhag,
Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**FIRST APPEAL NO. 3208 OF 2008**

Jadhav Mangalu Patil
Age: 72 years, Occu: Farmer
R/o Bramhanpuri, Tq. Shahada
Dist. Nandurbar
Through Power of Attorney Holder
Mohan S/o Jadhav Patil,
Age: 45 years, Occu: Agri
R/o As above. ....APPELLANT

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3. The Executive Engineer,
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Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ....RESPONDENTS

**WITH**
**FIRST APPEAL NO. 3455 OF 2008**

Ramdas Vithal Patel
Age: 52 Years, Occu: Farmer
R/o Bramhanpuri Tq. Shahada
Dist. Nandurbar ...APPELLANT

***VERSUS***

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Nandurbar Tq & Dist. Nandurbar ….RESPONDENTS

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Mr. Dhananjay A. Naik h/for Mr. S. V. Bhosale, Advocate for Appellants / petitioners in all matters
Mr. A. A. A. Khan, AGP for Respondents/State
Mr. Subhash Chillarge, Advocate for Respondent No.3 in all matters

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**CORAM : SANJAY A. DESHMUKH, J.**

**DATE : 28.11.2025**

**ORAL JUDGMENT** :-

1. All these appeals arise out of the acquisition of agricultural lands from different villages which are adjacent to each other.

2. Learned advocate for the appellants pointed out the following lands, along with their details, which were acquired for the project of Minor Irrigation Tank Susari, situated in the villages viz Bramhanpuri, Navalpur, Chandsaili, Mohide-Tarfe-Haveli and Godipur, Tahsil and District Nandurbar, as under:

| Sr. No. | F. A. No. | L.A.R. No. | Name of Claimants | Block No. | Acquired Area | S.L.A.O. Award Rs. | Reference Court Awarded Rs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 01 | 3205/2008 | 32/2000 | Hari Deochand Marathe | 23 | 04 H 42 R. 12 R. Barren | 56,000/- per Hector for BG. For | 1,15,000/- Per Hector by |

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| | | | | | | barren not awarded amount | considered as |
| 02 | 13/2010 | 19/200 | Madhukar Gorakh Patil | 103/3 | 01 H 15R PK 09 R | 53,000/- Per hector | 1,75,000/- per Hector |
| 03 | 2768/2010 | 14/2000 | Nagin Murar Patil | 92/1 (P) | 02 H. 15 R. | 53,000/- per Hector for BG | 1,75,000/- per Hector |
| 04 | 2769/2010 | 13/2000 | Bansi Ghanshyam Patil (Died) Through L.R. Ravindra & Ors. | 91/P | 00 H 97 R | 56,000/- per Hector | 1,75,000/- per Hector |
| 05 | 3206/2008 | 26/2000 | Limbaji Chhagan Patil | 9/ (p) | 02 H. 23 R. PK 08 R | 56,000/- per Hector | 1,75,000/- per Hector. |
| 06 | 3208/2008 | 24/2000 | Jadhav Mangalu Patil | 41/2 | 01 H 62 R | 53,000/- per Hector | 1,75,000/- per Hector |
| 07 | 3209/2000 | 30/2000 | Chhabibai Dashrath Patil | 118 | 03 H 92 R | 56,000/- Per Hector | 1,50,000/- per Hector |
| 08 | 3455/2008 | 05/2000 | Ramdas Vitthal Patel | 11 | 00 H 13 R | 56,000/- Per Hector | 1,75,000/- per Hector |
| 09 | 3540/2008 | 09/2000 | Bhikubai Shripat Patil | 37/1 +3 | 04 H 12 R 45 R PK | 56,000/- Per Hector | 2,10,000/- per Hector as Bagayat. |
| 10 | 4186/2008 | 33/2000 | Lilabai Hilal Marathe | 12/P | 00 H 18 R | 56,000/- Per Hector | 2,00,000/- Per Hector |
| 11 | 4187/2008 | 22/2000 | Ramesh Datthu Patil | 13/P | 00 H. 31 R | 56,000/- Per Hector | 2,10,000/- per Hector |
| 12 | 4188/2008 | 8/2000 | Chhagan Tarachand Marathe | 31/P | 00 H 54 R | 59,000/- Per Hector | 1,50,000/- per Hector |
| 13 | 4189/2008 | 15/2000 | Prabhakar Chotulal Vispute | 29<br>36 | 01 H 52 R 08 R Pk<br>02 H 09 R 15 R Pk | 53,000/- per Hector<br>65,000/- per Hector | 2,10,000/- per Hector<br>2,10,000/- per Hector |
| 14 | 4190/2008 | 25/2000 | Sudam Sadu patil | 27/P | 01 H 47R 14 R PK | 56,000/- Per Hector | 1,75,000/- per Hector |
| 15 | 4193/2008 | 06/2000 | Dashrath Nathu Patil | 28/2 /P | 00 H 52 R | 65,000/- Per Hector | 1,35,000/- Per Hector |
| 16 | 823/2007 | 05/2005 | Sudam Sajan Patil | 150 (P) | 01 H 40 R | 65,000/- Per Hector | 75,500/- per Hector |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | X. Obj.No.32/ 2023 IN FA/1451/20 07 | 20/2000 | Uddhav Gorakh Patil | 101/ 2 | 01 H 15 R PK 05 R | 53,000/- per Hector for BG | 1,15,000/- Per Hector |
| 18 | X.Obj.No.33 /2023 IN FA/125/200 8 | 07/2000 | Ramesh Shripat Patil | 37/2 | 01 H 14 R | 56,000/- Per Hector | 1,87,500/- Per Hector |
| 19 | X.Obj.No 34/2023 IN FA/80/2008 | 22/2000 | Bula Gorakh Patil | 101/ 1/P | 01 H. 15 R. 15 R. PK | 53,000/- Per Hector | 1,75,000/- Per Hector |
| 20 | X.Obj.No 35/2023 IN FA/2917/20 08 | 27/2000 | Devkabai Bhatu Marathe | 31 | 02 H 65 R PK 04 R | 59,000/- per Hector. | 2,00,000/- per Hector. |

3. Learned advocate for the appellants / claimants submitted that the lands of the claimants were irrigated and had pipeline facilities. However, the learned Reference Court did not consider this aspect in its proper perspective and awarded a meager amount of compensation by holding that, in some matters, the lands of the claimants were irrigated and semi-irrigated. The amount of compensation was not properly determined considering the evidence adduced by the claimants, particularly the sale instances were not properly appreciated. He submitted that the reasons and findings recorded by the learned Reference Court are neither legal nor correct, either on facts or in law. He further pointed out the judgment of this Court delivered in First Appeal No.133 of 2007 and other connected matters dated 25.01.2021, wherein compensation of Rs.2,00,000/-

per hectare was awarded for irrigated land. He therefore submitted that the principle of parity be applied while awarding compensation to the claimants lands in the present appeals, as well as in the cross-objections filed by them in the other four appeals, which were withdrawn in view of the Circular of the State Government authorizing the learned AGP to withdraw appeals where the compensation awarded is not more than four times. Learned advocate for the claimants lastly prayed to allow the appeals as well as the Cross-Objections.

4. Learned AGP for the State and Learned advocate for respondent No.3 strongly opposed the appeals and cross-objections and submitted that there is no substance in the grounds of objections raised by the claimants. They submitted that the entire evidence was properly appreciated by the learned Reference Court and calculated the amount of compensation based on the evidence. They therefore submitted that no interference is warranted in the impugned judgments and awards and lastly prayed to dismiss the appeals and Cross-Objections.

5. Perused the impugned judgments and awards as well as the record and proceedings, along with the judgment relied upon by the

learned advocate for the appellants/claimants, delivered on 25.01.2021 in First Appeal No.133 of 2007. On perusal of the entire documentary evidence, particularly the 7/12 extracts and the oral and documentary evidence, it appears that except for the barren land shown in the table, the claimants' lands are similarly situated. The lands in the vicinity are of the same quality and have the facility of a pipeline. This shows that the lands in question, which were acquired for one and the same project, are required to be compensated on the basis of the judgment delivered on 25.01.2021 in First Appeal No.133 of 2007 and other connected matters.

6. As regards to the First Appeal Nos.3540 of 2008, 4186 of 2008, 4187 of 2008, 4189 of 2008 and Cross-Objection No.35 of 2023 in FA/2917/2008, the learned Reference Court has already awarded compensation @ Rs.2,10,000/-, Rs.2,00,000/-, Rs.2,10,000/-, Rs.2,10,000/- and Rs.2,00,000/- per hectare respectively. Hence, the said appeals and Cross-Objection deserve to be dismissed.

7. Considering all these aspects and on the principle of parity, the cross-objections and the First Appeals excluding First Appeal Nos.3540 of 2008, 4186 of 2008, 4187 of 2008, 4189 of 2008 and

Cross-Objection No.35 of 2023 in FA/2917/2008, deserve to be partly allowed, and the impugned judgments and awards deserve to be partly set aside. Hence, the following order:

**:: ORDER ::**

a. The First Appeals except First Appeal Nos.3540 of 2008, 4186 of 2008, 4187 of 2008, 4189 of 2008 are partly allowed. The Cross-Objections except Cross-Objection No.35 of 2023 in FA/2917/2008, are partly allowed.

b. The impugned judgments and awards are partly set aside and modified as under:

c. The compensation awarded by the learned Reference Court is enhanced to Rs. 2,00,000/- per hectare for irrigated lands of the claimants in all the claim petitions along with statutory benefits.

d. The claimants are entitled to compensation @ Rs. 50,000/- per hectare for their barren lands, along with statutory benefits including interest, etc., as per the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act.

e. The First Appeal Nos.3540 of 2008, 4186 of 2008, 4187 of 2008, 4189 of 2008 and Cross-Objection No.35 of 2023 in FA/2917/2008 are dismissed.

f. It is clarified that the claimants shall not be entitled to interest for the period of delay, if such delay is condoned by this Court.

g. The Acquiring Authority is directed to deposit the amount of enhanced compensation within 12 weeks, along with interest and other benefits accrued thereon.

h. Pending Civil Applications, if any, stand disposed of.

**[ SANJAY A. DESHMUKH, J. ]**

*HRJadhav*