

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 9750 OF 2026**

Maruti Dharma Patil (deceased), Through LRs

- 1A. Madhukar Maruti Patil
- 1B. Lilabai Vishnu Tandel
- 1C. Gulab Ramesh Bhoir
- 1D. Narayan Maruti Patil
- 1E. Revati Aaba Patil ... Petitioners

vs.

The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors. ... Respondents

AND

WRIT PETITION NO. 9780 OF 2026

Sitaram Vithu Tandel (deceased), Through LRs

- 1A. Samadhan Kashinath Patil
- 1B. Suhas Kashinath Patil
- 1C. Sachin Kashinath Patil
- 1D. Pramila Sandip Mhatre ... Petitioners

vs.

The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors. ... Respondents

AND

WRIT PETITION NO. 9784 OF 2026

- 1. Sukhadev Krishna Tandel
- 2. Budhubai Pandharinath Tandel ... Petitioners

vs.

The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors. ... Respondents

AND

WRIT PETITION NO. 9786 OF 2026

Shankar Kathod Bhoir (deceased), Through LRs

- 1A. Chandrakant Krishna Bhoir
- 1B. Goverdhan Shankar Bhoir (deceased)
- 1B(I). Pushpalata Goverdhan Bhoir

1B(II). Jyoti Sagar Thakur
 1B(III). Komal Sumit Veta
 1B(IV). Sonam Rajesh Mhatre
 1B(V). Vrushali Pratik Bhoir
 1B(VI). Vinaya Dinesh Patil
 1C. Krushnabai Jagannath Naik
 1D. Alka Pundalik Patil
 1E. Sunita Hiraji Mhatre ... Petitioners
 vs.
 The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors. ... Respondents

AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 9787 OF 2026

Raghunath Shivram Patil (deceased), Thr. LRs
 1A. Dinkar Raghunath Patil
 1B. Surekha Jagdish Patil
 1C. Prema Kumar Tandel ... Petitioners
 vs.
 The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors. ... Respondents

AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 9788 OF 2026

1. Vijay Vishwanath Patil
 2. Malini Vishwanath Patil
 @ Malini Dattram Gharat
 3. Subhadra Pandurang Mhatre
 4. Baliram Vishwanath Patil
 5. Asha Pandharinath Mhatre
 6. Laxmibai Liladhar Tandel
 7. Rakhamabai Ramakant Patil
 8. Surekha Vasant Bhoir
 9. Vitthal Laxman Patil (deceased), Thr. LRs
 9A. Chandrakant Vitthal Patil
 9B. Ravindra Vitthal Patil
 9C. Krushnabai Baliram Patil
 9D. Baby Dinkar Patil
 9E. Suman Anant Patil ... Petitioners
 vs.
 The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors. ... Respondents

AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 9791 OF 2026

Dinkar Thakur Kadu (deceased), Through LRs

- 1A. Prasanna Dinkar Kadu
- 1B. Yogesh Dinkar Kadu
- 1C. Vanita Vasant Mhatre
- 1D. Namrata Arun Mhatre ... Petitioners

vs.

The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors. ... Respondents

AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 9792 OF 2026

- 1. Ganesh Sitaram Patil
- 2. Saraswati Mahadev Tandel (deceased), Through LRs
 - 2.1. Sunita Manohar Patil
 - 2.2. Pranit Sumit Patil
 - 2.3. Yojana Roshan Bhoir
 - 2.4. Alwin Mahadev Tandel
 - 2.5. Omkar Mahadev Tandel ... Petitioners

vs.

The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors. ... Respondents

AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 9793 OF 2026

Mahadu Rama Tandel (deceased), Through LRs

- 1A. Bebibai Vasant Madhavi
- 1B. Sunita Bhagwan Dambale
- 1C. Prabhavati Arun Bhoir
- 1D. Pashi Mahadu Tandel
- 1E. Sangita Dnyaneshwar Patil
- 1F. Kalpana Mahadu Tandel ... Petitioners

vs.

The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors. ... Respondents

AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 9794 OF 2026

1.	Mahadev Sadashiv Tandel		
2.	Yatin Sadashiv Tandel		
3.	Yogini Vasant Patil		
4.	Alka Hanuman Patil		
5.	Anandi Harishchandra Mhatre		
6.	Sharmila Sandeep Mhatre	...	Petitioners
vs.			
	The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors.	...	Respondents

AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 9795 OF 2026

1.	Jayram Tukaram Tandel (deceased), Through LR Kusum Jayram Tandel		
2.	Mahadev Tukaram Tandel		
3.	Suman Dattatray Tandel		
4.	Shaila Arjun Tandel		
5.	Jayant Narayan Tandel		
6.	Santosh Jayram Tandel		
7.	Jaiprakash Jairam Tandel		
8.	Vikas Mahadeo Tandel (deceased),Through LRs		
	8A. Lalita Vikas Tandel		
	8B. Nishant Vikas Tandel		
	8C. Nehali Vikas Tandel		
9.	Rajendra @ Rajesh Mahadeo Tandel	...	Petitioners
vs.			
	The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors.	...	Respondents

AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 9796 OF 2026

	Ganpat Gosavi Patil	...	Petitioner
vs.			
	The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors.	...	Respondents

AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 9797 OF 2026

1. Anant Sawalaram Tandel (deceased), Through LRs
 - 1A. Nilesh Anant Tandel
 - 1B. Vijay Anant Tandel
 - 1C. Sunita Chandrakant Patil
 2. Dhanaji Sawalaram Tandel (deceased), Through LRs
 - 2A. Suresh Dhanaji Tandel
 - 2B. Pratibha Dhanaji Tandel
 - 2C. Pushplata Manoj Mhatre
 - 2D. Suvarna Namdev Patil
 - 2E. Vandana Deepak Mhatre ... Petitioners
- vs.
- The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors. ... Respondents

AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 9804 OF 2026

- Ahilyabai Gokul Patil (deceased), Through LRs
- 1A. Jitendra Gokul Patil
 - 1B. Mamata Nilesh Thakur
 - 1C. Sadichha Kundan Bhoir
 - 1D. Darshana Prakash Naik
 - 1E. Sanjala Dhananjay Mukadam ... Petitioners
- vs.
- The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors. ... Respondents

AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 9805 OF 2026

1. Arun Sawalaram Bhoir (deceased), Through LRs
 - 1A. Jayshree Arun Bhoir
 - 1B. Prashant Arun Bhoir
 - 1C. Roshani Milind Patil
 - 1D. Priti Vikas Patil
2. Ghanshyam Sawalaram Bhoir.
3. Kusum Jayram Tandel

4. Shankuntala Dhanaji Bhoir
 5. Karuna Tulshiram Patil (deceased),
Through LR Krushna Tulshiram Patil
 6. Vina @ Binabai Mahadev Mhatre (deceased)
Through LR Pramila Mahadev Mhatre
 7. Alka Vishwamitra Mhatre ... Petitioners
- vs.
- The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors. ... Respondents

AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 9806 OF 2026

1. Dinkar Barsha Patil (deceased), Through LRs
 - 1A. Bhimabai Barsha Patil (deceased), Through LRs
 - 1A1. Chauthabai Rajaram Tandel
 - 1A2. Baliram Shalik Bhoir
 - 1A3. Venubai Baliram Kadu
 - 1A4. Maruti Shalik Bhoir (deceased), Through LRs
 - 1A4/1. Shakuntala Maruti Bhoir
 - 1A4/2. Pragati Mukund Kadu
 - 1A4/3. Mahesh Maruti Bhoir
 - 1A4/3.1. Anita Mahesh Bhoir
 - 1A4/3.2. Srushti Mahesh Bhoir
 - 1A4/3.3. Vaishnavi Mahesh Bhoir
 - 1A4/4. Rajesh Maruti Bhoir
 - 1A4/5. Suyash Maruti Bhoir
2. Virchandra Dinkar Patil (deceased), Through LRs
 - 2A. Sajesh Virchandra Patil
 - 2B. Mithun Virchandra Patil
 - 2C. Paresh Virchandra Patil
3. Laxmi Jayaram Bhoir
4. Shanta Narayan Gharat
5. Kanta Bansidhar Bhoir
6. Ashok Dinkar Patil
7. Malini Santosh Tandel
8. Shashikant Tukaram Patil
9. Jayvanti Nilkanth Patil
10. Parvati Sadanand Tandel
11. Manjula Pandurang Bhoir

12. Ranjana Chhagan Patil (deceased), Through LRs
12A. Kirtikumar Chhagan Patil
12B. Jyoti Pramod Patil ... Petitioners
vs.
The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors. ... Respondents

AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 9808 OF 2026

1. Namdeo Tukaram Bhoir
2. Sahadeo Tukaram Bhoir (deceased),
Through LR Shalini Sahadeo Bhoir
3. Eknath Tukaram Bhoir ... Petitioners
vs.
The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors. ... Respondents

AND
WRIT PETITION NO. 9809 OF 2026

1. Ramakant Shankar Tandel (deceased), Through LRs
1A. Surekha Ramakant Tandel
1B. Deepika Mayur Mhatre
1C. Pooja Ramakant Tandel
2. Suman Ramakant Naik ... Petitioners
vs.
The State of Maharashtra, Thr. Chief Secy. & ors. ... Respondents

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**CORAM : MANISH PITALE &
SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, JJ**

DATE : 06th AUGUST, 2026

P.C. :

. A shocking state of affairs is placed before this Court by these petitions. The petitioners or their predecessors had filed applications under Section 28A of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (the said Act) way back in the year 1993 on various dates. According to the petitioners, the applications have remained pending without any consideration or effective orders for the past 33 years.

2. In the interregnum, in some cases, the original claimants/land owners have expired and their legal representatives are pursuing the applications.

3. Except petitions at Sr. Nos.26 and 27, copies of other petitions were received by the office of the learned Government Pleader and hence, the AGPs appearing today in these petitions have taken specific instructions from the officer presently holding the post of Deputy Collector, Land Acquisition, Metro Centre No.3, Thane.

4. A communication dated 05.08.2026 is addressed by the said officer to the learned Government Pleader of this Court on the appellate side. After referring to 16 petitioners i.e. petitioners in writ petitions at Sr. Nos.11 to 15 and 28, the said officer has stated that he has recently taken charge and since the applications have been pending for the past 33 years, if time period of six months is granted, the applications shall be disposed of. The said communication is taken on record.

5. The learned AGPs, on instructions, make a statement that even with regard to the writ petitions at Sr. Nos.26 and 27, same time period can be granted for disposal.

6. The said communication also indicates that 16 applications placed before the said officer, have been taken up for directions today i.e. on 06.08.2026. It is also brought to the notice of this Court that the said officer was also kept busy by the exercise of Special Intensive Revision of the voters' rolls taking place in the State of Maharashtra.

7. While we are of the opinion that the officer presently holding the said post may not be held directly responsible for the huge delay of 33 years, the facts on record show the casual manner in which the applications preferred by the petitioners or their predecessors, have been treated by the State authorities.

8. The writ petitions are disposed of by directing respondent No.3 – Deputy Collector, Land Acquisition, Metro Centre No.3, Thane, to take up the pending applications concerning the petitioners, filed under Section 28A of the said Act, and to dispose of the same within a period of six months from today.

9. Considering the long time period for which the applications have remained pending, it is made clear that no extension of time shall be granted.

10. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, J.)

(MANISH PITALE, J.)

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