

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

(SR. NO. 18) WRIT PETITION NO. 1875 OF 2026

Tushar Chintamani Mengale & Ors. .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 18) WRIT PETITION NO. 1879 OF 2026

Bhimsen Pandurang Jadhav & Ors. .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Thr Its
Secretary Forest & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 18) WRIT PETITION NO. 1877 OF 2026

Shripati Rama Patil & Ors. .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Thru. Secretary
& Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 18) WRIT PETITION NO. 2754 OF 2026

Yashodhara Arun Deshpande & Ors. .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Thr Sec. Forest
Dept. & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 21) WRIT PETITION NO. 8999 OF 2026

Vinayak Govind Dhole & Ors. .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Throu. Its Sec.
Forest Dept & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH**(SR. NO. 23) WRIT PETITION NO. 10428 OF 2026**

Nilesh Shubhash Mundada & Ors. .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Thr Its
Secretary & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH**(SR. NO. 24) WRIT PETITION NO. 10434 OF 2026**

Rohidas Dattatray Chavan & Ors. .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Thorou. Its Addl
Chief Sec. & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH**(SR. NO. 25) WRIT PETITION NO. 10435 OF 2026**

Sanjeev Sawlaram Janjire & Ors. .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Thr Its
Secretary & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH**(SR. NO. 28) WRIT PETITION NO. 8149 OF 2026**

Hazoor Multi Projects Ltd Thr
Vijendra Ishwardas Garg .. Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra Thr Its
Additional Chief Secretary & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 30) WRIT PETITION NO. 8727 OF 2026

Keshavdev Tibriwal (Since Decd
Throu. Legal Heirs) .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Throu. Sec.
Revenue and Forest Dept & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 31) WRIT PETITION NO. 8729 OF 2026

Vinod Bajranglal Dalmiya .. Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra Throu. Sec.
Revenue and Forest Dept & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 32) WRIT PETITION NO. 8731 OF 2026

Vijaykumar S Khemka Since Decd.
Thr As Per Will Aditya Tibriwal .. Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra Thr Secretary &
Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 33) WRIT PETITION NO. 8733 OF 2026

Keshavdev Tibriwal (Since Decd
Throu. Legal Heirs) .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Throu. Sec.
Revenue and Forest Dept & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 34) WRIT PETITION NO. 8734 OF 2026

Subhashchandra Tibriwal (since
Deceased Thru Legal Heirs) .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Thru Secretary
& Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 35) WRIT PETITION NO. 8736 OF 2026

Sharadchandra Tibriwal & Anr. .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Through Sec.
Revenue and Forest Dept. & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 36) WRIT PETITION NO. 8966 OF 2026

Sumitra J. Khemka .. Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra Thr Sec.
Revenue and Forest Dept. & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 37) WRIT PETITION NO. 9027 OF 2026

Swami Pandurang Bangar & Ors. .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Throu. Its Sec.
Forest Dept & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 38) WRIT PETITION NO. 9032 OF 2026

Ashok Dattatraya Mankar & Ors. .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Thr Sec. Forest
Dept. & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 39) WRIT PETITION NO. 9035 OF 2026

Dhnyeshwar Namdeo Mohite & Ors. .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Thru Secretary
& Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 40) WRIT PETITION NO. 9036 OF 2026

Shashikant Kashiram Shinde .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Thru Secretary
& Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 41) WRIT PETITION NO. 9038 OF 2026

Balu Alias Balasaheb Jagganth
Tamboli & Ors. .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra Thr Sec. Forest
Dept. & Ors. .. Respondents

WITH

(SR. NO. 42) WRIT PETITION NO. 9043 OF 2026

Anandi Dattu Gaikwad & Ors. .. Petitioners

Versus

The State of Maharashtra Thr. Its
Principal Secretary Revenue And
Forest Department & Ors. .. Respondents

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**CORAM : BHARATI DANGRE &
ASHISH S. CHAVAN, JJ.**

DATED : 03rd SEPTEMBER, 2026

P.C:-

1. In the wake of the directions issued by us in a bunch of Writ Petitions, the lead Petition being Writ Petition No.1536 of 2017, decided on 23rd July 2026, as well the directions issued in Writ Petition No.5344 of 2026, decided on 24th August 2026, we deem it appropriate to permit the Petitioners to prefer a representation to the Deputy Conservator of Forests and permit the Petitions to be treated as a representation to be placed before the Scrutiny Committee, which shall follow the mandate as set out in the Government Resolution dated 13th August 2026, issued by the Revenue and Forest Department, streamlining for redressal of grievance of those who claim that their lands have been wrongly mutated as 'Private Forests' without following the procedure laid down in Section 35 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927.

All the proceedings shall be adjudicated by the Scrutiny Committee in an expeditious manner.

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With the aforesaid directions, the Writ Petitions stand disposed of.

(ASHISH S. CHAVAN, J.)

(BHARATI DANGRE, J.)

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