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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 11513 OF 2026

Pankaj Mahasukhlal Shah & Ors. ....Petitioners
V/S
The State of Maharashtra,
Through its Secretary & Ors. ....Respondents

Mr.Balasaheb Ligade i/b Mr.Drupad Patil for the Petitioners.
Mr.Karan S. Thorat, B Panel counsel for the State.

CORAM : BHARATI DANGRE &
ASHISH S. CHAVAN, JJ

DATE : 1st SEPTEMBER 2026

ORDER (PER BHARATI DANGRE, J) :-

1 The Writ Petition seek direction to rectify the Mutation Entry No. 2545 in respect of land bearing survey No.78/4/b, situated at Village Nadhal, Taluka Khalapur, District Raigad, with remark 'Vane'. The Petition also seek restoration of the nomenclature stated in the said land while setting aside the Mutation Entry, and this relief is sought in the background that the procedure prescribed under the Indian Forest Act, 1927 has not been adhered to.

2 In light of the decision delivered by this Court in **WRIT PETITION NO. 1536 OF 2017** (Valuable Properties Pvt. Ltd. Through

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the Director and Anr vs. The State of Maharashtra Through Its Secretary and Ors.) decided on 23/07/2026, in furtherance of which a Committee has been constituted by the State Government vide Resolution dated 13/08/2026 for scrutinizing whether the parameters laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court as well as this Court have been adhered to before declaring the land as 'Private Forest', we direct that the Petition shall be treated as representation and shall be presented before the concerned Officer in terms of the Government Resolution, which shall in turn be placed before the Committee for its scrutiny.

Needless to state that if the Committee arrive at a decision that the Mutation Entry deserve to be maintained, it shall a Speaking Order, which shall be subject to any further challenge by the Petitioners.

With the aforesaid direction, Writ Petition stand disposed of.

Interim Application, if any, also stand disposed of.

[ASHISH S. CHAVAN, J.] **[BHARATI DANGRE, J.]**