

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 8340 OF 2016**

Shri Machindra Ratan Patil and anr.Petitioners
versus
The State of Maharashtra through
its Revenue and Forest Department & ors. ...Respondents

Mr. Suresh M. Sabrad, advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. V. M. Mali, AGP for the State.

**CORAM : RANJIT MORE &
ANUJA PRABHUDESSAI, JJ.**

DATE : 20th JULY, 2016.

P. C. :

The matter is not on board. It is taken up for hearing because the connected matters are listed on the board today.

2. Having heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned AGP for the State, we deem it convenient to dispose of the petition by directing respondent No.1 to decide the petitioners' application dated 15th December, 2015 for grant of approval under clause (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 36A of the Maharashtra Land Revenue Code, 1966, a copy of which is annexed at "Exhibit E", as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of this order by passing a speaking order and thereafter, communicate the same to the petitioner. Ordered accordingly.

3. Needless to mention that we have not gone into the merits of the matter and respondent No.1 shall decide the said application independently on its own merits and in accordance with law.

4. In view of the above, the writ petition stands disposed of.

(ANUJA PRABHUDESSAI, J.)

[RANJIT MORE, J.]