

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 12320 OF 2016**

Shri. Pramod Sakharam Patil }		
and Ors. }		Petitioners
versus		
State of Maharashtra }		
and Ors. }		Respondents

Mr. A. J. Almeida for the petitioner.

Mr. B. V. Samant-AGP for State.

**CORAM :- S. C. DHARMADHIKARI &
SMT. BHARATI H. DANGRE, JJ.
DATE :- FEBRUARY 2, 2018**

P.C. :-

1. We have heard both sides.
2. We are not concerned with the demand raised on the petitioner for its legality and validity can be questioned, on the own showing of the learned AGP, by approaching a higher authority and that higher authority, namely, Sub-Divisional Officer, Vasai has also been approached by the petitioners. If he has been approached and any proceedings are pending before him concerning the petitioners, we direct that the same be disposed of in accordance with law and within a period of four weeks from the date of appearance of the petitioners. Let the petitioners appear before that authority on 9th February, 2018.

3. We clarify that we have not expressed any opinion on the merits of the demand or the contentions in relation thereto. They are kept open.

4. With the aforesaid directions, the writ petition is disposed of.

(SMT. BHARATI H. DANGRE, J.)

(S.C.DHARMADHIKARI, J.)