

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

WRIT PETITION NO. 6672 OF 2021

Namdev Limbaji Rankhambe .. Petitioner
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and others .. Respondents

Shri Sachin S. Deshmukh, Advocate for the Petitioner.
Shri P. K. Lakhotiya, A.G.P. for Respondent Nos. 1 to 3.
The Respondent No. 4 is served.

**CORAM : S. V. GANGAPURWALA AND
R. N. LADDHA, JJ.
DATE : 20TH OCTOBER, 2021.**

FINAL ORDER :

. Mr. Deshmukh, the learned advocate for the petitioner submits that, the son of the petitioner was martyred in Jammu and Kashmir in the year 1996. The petitioner sought allotment of land as per the scheme in vogue. In the year 2002, the report was submitted to the Collector office by the Tahsildar Sonpeth that there is no encroachment on the Government land. Second report was forwarded on 15.05.2008 by the Tahsildar to the Sub Divisional Officer again notifying that no encroach appears on the government land. On 14.10.2020, the Resident Deputy Collector asked the District Army Welfare Officer to make an enquiry and to submit the report.

2. We fail to understand the lethargy on the part of the officials, the petitioner, a father of the martyred is moving from 1996 seeking implementation of the benevolent Government

Scheme. The reports are called for at the interval of six to eight years and that too without processing further. It is high time, final decision is taken by the authorities.

3. Mr. Lakhotiya, the learned Assistant Government Pleader for respondent/State on instructions submits that, in February 2021, the report has been submitted to the Collector along with battle casualty certificate and all other relevant documents.

4. In that event the Collector, Parbhani ought to have taken decision by now.

5. The Collector, Parbhani shall take decision upon the proposal of the petitioner for allotment of land within a period of one (01) month from today.

6. We have passed this order, as it is stated that the report and all documents are forwarded to the Collector, Parbhani in February 2021. The authorities cannot show apathy to such persons and ought to have processed the claims on priority basis. By enormous delay the very purpose of such benevolent scheme stands frustrated.

7. In the light of the above, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

[R. N. LADDHA, J.]

[S. V. GANGAPURWALA, J.]