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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

921 WRIT PETITION NO. 2474 OF 2024

SUNIL RAMA PATIL AND ANOTHER
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH ITS PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY AND OTHERS

Mr.A.B.Kale, Advocate for the Petitioners.
Mr.P.K.Lakhotiya, AGP for the Respondent/State.

(CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE AND
R.M. JOSHI, JJ.)

DATE : MARCH 5, 2024

PER COURT :

1. The learned Advocate for the Petitioners points out a detailed representation dated02.2023 (*date is not mentioned*) which was tendered in the Inward Department of the District Collector's Office on 03.02.2023 and in the Office of the Public Works Department, Jalgaon on 07.02.2023. He submits that an order passed by the Civil Court is also quoted in the said representation and the Petitioner expects the District Collector to consider the same and pass a reasoned order. He further clarifies that, for the return of the land, the Authorities have already received the fees from the Petitioner. He

submits that when the land was acquired, the Petitioners have lost around 2 Hectres and odd land. Compensation was paid. When the Authorities realized that area admeasuring 1 Hectre and Odd was not required, they sought refund of a part of the compensation as a condition for returning the land. After the said compensation amount was returned on 27.08.1990, the concerned authorities are totally inactive and silent.

2. In view of the above, **this Petition is disposed off.** Let the District Collector deal with the said representation of the Petitioners, if there is no legal impediment. While considering the representation, the statutory provisions, policies of the government etc. shall be considered and a reasoned order be passed. The order should be communicated to the Petitioners. Let this exercise be concluded preferably within 150 days.

(R.M.JOSHI, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)