



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO.12263 OF 2024

Vasudeo Ananta Bhoir

... Petitioner.

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Ors.

... Respondents.

Ms. Preeti Walimbe, for the Petitioner.

Ms. P.J. Gavhane, AGP for the Respondent-State.

Coram : Sharmila U. Deshmukh, J.

Date : September 06, 2024

P. C. :

1. The petitioner seeks to challenge the order passed by the Divisional Joint Commissioner in Revision Application No.193 of 2021 in respect of land with which the Petitioner has no connection and claims that by virtue of Public Interest Litigation filed by him, the said land was declared to be the property of the State. If that be so, it is so far the State Government to adopt appropriate steps to protect the property by challenging the order. However, the Petitioner insists that as per doctrine of Escheat, the land vests in the State and therefore he has the *locus* to challenge the order passed by the Divisional Collector in respect of the property of the State.

2. In light of the above, the Petitioner in order to show his bonafides conveyed his willingness to deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/-.

The amount of Rs.50,000/- be deposited in this Court within a period of four weeks.

3. Stand over to 4th October, 2024.

[Sharmila U. Deshmukh, J.]

[Corrected order as per speaking to minutes order dtd. 24-9-2024.]