



**IN THE NATIONAL LOK ADALAT PRESIDED OVER BY
HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE NEERAJ P. DHOTE,
HELD ON 13.09.2025
AT HIGH COURT LEGAL SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE
AT AURANGABAD**

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FIRST APPEAL NO. 1390 OF 2025

1. Maroti s/o Bhagwan Rathod,
Age : 49 years, Occupation : Agriculture,
R/o. Village Kedarwakdi,
Taluka : Mantha, District : Jalna.

Appellant
[Original Claimant]

Versus

- 1] The State of Maharashtra,
Through the Collector, Jalna.
- 2] Special Land Acquisition Officer,
M.I.W. Jalna
At present:
The Sub Divisional Officer,
Sub Divisional Office at Partur,
Taluka : Partur, District : Jalna.
- 3] The Executive Engineer,
Lower Dudhna Project [Irrigation],
Selu, District Parbhani.
At present:
The Executive Engineer,
Jalna Irrigation Department,
at Motibagh, Jalna.
Taluka and District : Jalna.

... Respondents
[Original Respondents]

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Mr. Vitthal D. Bhise – Advocate for the Appellants
Mr. A. M. Phule – AGP for State
Mr. Shyam C. Arora – Advocate for Respondent No. 3
Mr. Deepakkumar Dongre – Executive Engineer, Jalna Irrigation
Division, Jalna.

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ORDER : -

1. This Appeal is placed today before National Lok Adalat with the consent of the parties.

2. Mr. Deepakkumar Dongre, Executive Engineer, Jalna Irrigation Division, Jalna, who is the authorized signatory of the Acquiring Body, the Appellants along with their learned Advocate Mr. Vitthal D. Bhise, learned AGP for the State Mr. A. M. Phule, and Mr. Shyam C. Arora, learned Advocate for Respondent No. 3, are present.

3. The learned Advocates appearing on behalf of both the parties/sides submit that, as far as interest under Sections 28 and 34 of the Land Acquisition Act awarded by the Special Land Acquisition Officer [for short 'SLAO'] as well as Reference Court, shall be as per the decision of the Full Bench of this Court in *State of Maharashtra Versus Kailash Shiva Rangari, 2016(4) ALL MR 513*, and the decision of the Single Bench of this Court in *The State of Maharashtra V/s Ramesh Tukaram Meshram, 2018 (1) ALL MR 645*. They have submitted that the impugned Award be modified to that extent as far as interest is concerned.

4. Considering the legal position in both the Judgments [supra], the impugned Award stands modified as follows.

- [i] Interest shall be calculated, if required, as per two Judgments in **Kailash Rangari** and **Ramesh Meshram** [supra].
- [ii] The Acquiring Body / State shall deposit the amount of compensation as per the modified Award within a period of twenty-four [24] months from the date of this Award.
- [iii] If the Acquiring Body commits breach in depositing the amount under this Award within a period of twenty-four [24] months, in that case, the Claimants shall be entitled to statutory interest, excluding the period caused in filing the Appeal.
- [iv] The amount deposited in this Court or which would be deposited in this Court shall be paid to the Claimants in terms of this Award, and excess amount, if any, shall be refunded to the Acquiring Body.
- [v] The Appellants/Claimants are entitled to withdraw the amount after deposit by the Acquiring Body.

5. The Appeal stands disposed off in terms of the Compromise Pursis, which is taken on record and marked as “X”.

6. The Court Fees Refund Certificate shall be issued as per Rules.

7. Pending civil application/s, if any, stand/s disposed off.

(Mrs. Yogita Thorat-Kshirsagar)	(Kishor R. Chaudhari)	(Neeraj P. Dhote)
Advocate	District Judge (Retd.)	Judge
Member	Member	Head of the Panel

Date: 13.09.2025
Place: Aurangabad

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