



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

**951 CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 8266 OF 2024
IN FAST/10996/2024**

Ramkishan Appa Pandule And Another

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through The Collector, Beed And
Another

WITH

CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 8265 OF 2024 IN FAST/10988/2024

Dattu Dada Pandule

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through The Collector, Beed And
Another

WITH

CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 8269 OF 2024 IN FAST/11008/2024

Ajinath Gangaram Pandule

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through The Collector, Beed And
Another

WITH

CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 8264 OF 2024 IN FAST/10982/2024

Navnath Gangaram Pandule

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through The Collector, Beed And
Another

WITH

CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 8267 OF 2024 IN FAST/11000/2024

Chaya Mahadeo Pandule

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through The Collector, Beed And
Another

WITH

CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 8268 OF 2024 IN FAST/11004/2024

Gorakh Gangaram Pandule

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through The Collector, Beed And
Another

AND
**952 CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 8286 OF 2024 IN
 FAST/10706/2024**

Navnath Malhari Gore And Anr

VERSUS

The Stae Of Maharashtra Through The Collector Beed And
 Anr

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 Mr. S. V. Hange and Mr. S. S. Dande, AGP for respective
 Respondent-State

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CORAM : AJIT B. KADETHANKAR.

DATED : 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2025

ORDER :-

CIVIL APPLICATIONS FOR DELAY:

. All the first appeals are filed by the claimants for enhancement in the award granted by the learned Reference Court in the respective Land Acquisition References as mentioned below:

C.A. No.	First Appeal St. No.	L.A.R. No.	Days of delay	Decision Date	Authority
8266/2024	10996/2024	355/2013	342	30.01.2023	Civil Judge, Senior Division, Beed.
8264/2024	10982/2024	381/2013	335	30.01.2023	
8265/2024	10988/2024	354/2013	342	30.01.2023	
8267/2024	11000/2024	356/2013	342	30.01.2023	
8268/2024	11004/2024	360/2013	342	30.01.2023	
8269/2024	11008/2024	382/2013	342	30.01.2023	
8286/2024	10706/2024	349/2013	342	30.01.2023	

2. The respective applicants submit that their source of earning and livelihood has been taken away due to compulsory acquisition of their property. That, very meager amount was awarded to the applicants by the Competent Authority. That even, the learned Reference Court has also not granted adequate enhancement to the applicants. Hence, present First Appeals are filed by the applicants. However, due to lack of legal knowledge, general awareness of the proceedings and poor financial condition despite a wish to get enhanced compensation, they could not approach for legal advice, nor could they file the present appeals well within limitation or at the earliest thereafter. With this, the applicants seek condonation of delay caused in filing present appeals.

3. Per contra, the respondents oppose condonation of the delay, contending that the applications and appeals are filed afterthought and they are filed with sole object to earn more money on sympathy.

4. Upon having heard the parties, I am of the considered view that enhancement by way of First Appeal is a statutory

right of claimant. The farmers, whose agricultural land has been acquired, must get adequate opportunity to claim for adequate and proportionate enhancement in the compensation. For that, technicality of delay must not be a hurdle.

5. Profitable reference can be made to the judgment and order passed by the Supreme Court in the case of **Suresh Kumar Vs. State of Haryana and ors., (Civil Appeal arising out of (C) No.670/2020) and connected matters decided on 23.04.2025.** Their Lordships, after considering series of judgments, have observed in paragraph 11, as follows :-

“11. In all judgments referred supra, the common thread that can be observed is that delay is not a reason to deny the land losers their compensation, which is just, fair and reasonable for the land they have lost.”

6. Thus, for the reasons stated above, I am inclined to condone the delay, caused in filing the First Appeal. Hence, following order:

ORDER

a. Respective delays caused in filing First Appeals are hereby condoned.

- b. Appellants/Applicants shall not claim any interest and statutory benefit for the delayed period.
- c. Civil Applications stand allowed.
- d. Registry to register the appeals, subject to removal of office objections, if any, by the applicants/appellants within two weeks from today.

FIRST APPEALS

. Subject to removal of all office objections, issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 14.10.2025. Learned AGP waives service of notice for respondents-State.

2. Call Record and Proceedings.

(AJIT B. KADETHANKAR, J.)