



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

**945 CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 15207 OF 2022
IN FAST/21699/2022**

JAYENDRA KERBA MERKANTI

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
NANDED AND OTHERS

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. S. M. Kakde
AGP for Respondent-State : Mr. V. S. Badakh
Advocate for Respondent No.3 : Mr. B. V. Virdhe
Advocate for Respondent No.4 : Mr. N. N. Kothari

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**946 CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 15613 OF 2022
IN FAST/29316/2022**

DHANRAJ SHANKAR TIPNE

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
NANDED AND OTHERS

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. S. M. Kakde
AGP for Respondent-State : Mr. D. R. Korade
Advocate for Respondent No.3 : Mr. V. P. Narwade

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**947 CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16461 OF 2022
IN FAST/29308/2022**

VITHAL KERBA MERKANTI

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THRU THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
NANDED AND OTHERS

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. S. M. Kakde
AGP for Respondent-State : Mr. S. P. Joshi

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CORAM : ABHAY S. WAGHWASE, J.

DATED : 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

PER COURT :-

1. Heard rival submissions.
2. The respective applicants are seeking condonation of delay as mentioned in the applications, which appears to be caused due to their poor financial condition. Learned AGP and learned counsel for the acquiring body strongly opposed the applications on the ground that no reasonable cause is mentioned for condoning the delay.
3. However, the Hon'ble Apex Court has recently observed that the delay applications are to be dealt liberally, specially in land acquisition matters. In view of the same, and considering the statutory right of the applicants and for the reasons stated in the applications, the applications are allowed and the delay periods in respective applications stand condoned subject to condition that the applicants shall not claim any interest for the aforesaid delay periods.
4. The appeals be registered and placed for admission after removal of office objections, if any.
5. The applications are accordingly disposed off.

[ABHAY S. WAGHWASE, J.]