

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**  
**CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**  
**ARBITRATION APPEAL (ST) NO. 22121 OF 2023**

Sumanbai Shantaram Bachchav

...Appellant

***Versus***

Arbitrator And Additional Commissioner  
National Highway Authority of India &  
Ors.

...Respondents

**WITH**  
**ARBITRATION APPEAL NO.13 OF 2024**  
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**ARBITRATION APPEAL NO.12 OF 2024**  
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**ARBITRATION APPEAL NO.31 OF 2024**  
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ARBITRATION APPEAL (ST) NO.22128 OF 2023  
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ARBITRATION APPEAL NO.29 OF 2024**

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**Mr. Vivek M. Punjabi** *a/w. Priyansh Jain & Parichehr Zaiwala, Advocates for Appellant in ARTST/22121/2023.*

**Ms. Siddhi Kothari** *a/w Sagar Ladda for the Respondent (through V.C.) in ARA/12/2024.*

**Ms. Shilpa G. Talhar**, *AGP, for the State.*

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**CORAM : SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.**

**DATE : APRIL 03, 2025**

**PC :**

1. The short issue that arises for consideration in this bunch of Appeals under Section 37 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 ("***the Act***") is two-fold. First, whether correcting the computation of compensation amount for land acquired for purposes of National Highways to include *solatium* would constitute modification of the arbitral award and thereby whether it would be permissible under the Act. The second issue is which vintage of land acquisition law would apply to each specific acquisition proceedings.

2. Based on the nature of the issues involved and bearing in mind the scope of jurisdiction under Section 37 of the Act, Learned Counsel have graciously agreed that the Appellant shall take not more than **20 minutes** and the Respondents shall take no longer than **20 minutes** for verbal arguments in the matter.

3. Towards this end, the parties shall file a short Note on Submissions, not exceeding seven pages, along with page and case law references, setting out the manner in which the points canvassed by them ought to be accepted by this Court.

4. It is made clear that the time commitments made above shall bind the parties, and such time shall be utilized at the discretion of the Counsel for verbalizing the pivotal submissions, resting assured that the rest of their contentions from their Note on Submissions, would be dealt with by the Court.

5. With the aforesaid commitments, stand over to ***April 30, 2025, “For Final Hearing and Disposal”*** on the ***“Supplementary Board”***.

6. All actions required to be taken pursuant to this order shall be taken upon receipt of a downloaded copy as available on this Court’s website.

**[ SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.]**