

***IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION***

WRIT PETITION NO.3727 OF 2025

Mumbai Metropolitan Region
Development Authority

... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India,
Through the Ministry of Environment
Forest and Climate Change & Ors.

... Respondents

Mr. Saket Mone a/w Ms. Srushti Thorat and Ms. Fatema Kothari
i/b Vidhii Partners for the Petitioner

Mr. Pavan Patil a/w Mr. Shubham Saraf for the Respondent
No.1-UIOI

Ms. Jaya Bagwe for the Respondent No.2-MCZMA

Ms. Neha Bhide, G.P a/w Mr. O. A. Chandurkar, Addl. G.P and
Ms. Pooja Joshi Deshpande, A.G.P for the Respondent Nos.3, 4
and 5

Mr. Aditya Mehta a/w Ms. Deepali Bagla i/b Bagla and Associates
for the Respondent No.6

Mr. V. Ramarao, IFS, Addl. Principal Conservator of Forests,
Mangrove Cell, is present in Court

Mr. Deepak Popatrao Khade, IFS, DFO, from North Konkan
Division is present in Court

**CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE &
DR. NEELA GOKHALE, JJ.
THURSDAY, 14th AUGUST 2025**

P.C :

1 Learned A.G.P to take instructions from the concerned Department whether it is possible to constitute a Committee comprising a retired Judge well-versed in environmental matters; a representative of a reputed N.G.O; and any other Government representative concerned with environmental issues, to examine the in-principle approval granted for the entire project, i.e., the entire alignment proposed by the Planning Authority, so as to enable the Committee to consider whether there are any viable alternatives to minimize destruction of trees/mangroves.

2 Learned A.G.P to also inform this Court as to the stage at which such a Committee can give its recommendation, so as to enable the Planning Authority to thereafter commence with the project.

3 Stand over to **3rd September 2025**. To be listed on the
Supplementary Board under the caption `For Orders`.

DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J.

REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.