



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 1985 OF 2026

Shushilabai Haribhau Kendre and others

VERSUS

The State of Maharashtra and others

Mr. S. E. Shekade, Advocate for petitioners

Mr. S. B. Pulkundwar, AGP for respondent-State

**CORAM : Smt. Vibha Kankanwadi &
Hiten S. Venegavkar, JJ.**

DATE : 24th February, 2026

ORDER (PER : Hiten S. Venegavkar, J.) :-

1. Present petition seeks direction of this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to the respondents for payment of amount of interest payable under Section 80 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (for short "**the Act**") as per the representation dated 21.02.2025.

2. It is the case of the petitioners that the land of the present petitioners came to be acquired in the year 2004, and the final award was passed by the respondent authorities in the year, 2023. The payment pertaining to the award has been disbursed and received by the petitioners on 21.02.2025. However the statutory interest amount has not been paid to the petitioners under Section 80 of the Act.

3. The learned Advocate for the petitioners points out that petitioners has been making representations to the concerned department since February, 2025, requesting the authorities to calculate the interest amount as per Section 80 of the Act.

4. Learned AGP, upon instructions, states that the representation of the petitioner will be decided within a period of three months from today. Though the authorities are now showing their willingness to consider the representation of the petitioner within a period of three months, the record shows that the award amount which was disbursed to the petitioner was approximately Rs. 20,33,600/- and the interest amount under Section 80 of the Act has now accrued and piled up to almost over Rs.63,18,000/-.

5. We have already considered this issue and expressed our dissatisfaction with the manner in which the authorities and its officers have handled the acquisition matters thereby permitting the interest amount to be piled up and amount payable to exceed the original award multifold times. In one such petition, we have laid down certain procedures with directions and also the action that is required to be taken against the authorities who are responsible for such kind of delay and negligence.

6. In the present matter as well, we direct the respondent No. 2 to take up this representation for consideration within a period of one month from today. In addition to the payment of interest under Section 80 of the Act, the Collector, Beed will also fasten the liability on all the concerned Officers who are found to be negligent and irresponsible due to which the amount of interest which is required to be paid up to the petitioner has piled up to such a huge quantum. Expenditure and expenses of which has to be now borne out of the pocket of public exchequer. For this exercise, the Collector, Beed, shall refer and comply with the directions issued by this Court in Writ Petition Nos. 8809 of 2024 and 14392 of 2025 and after completion will file a compliance report before this Court, within a period of six weeks from today.

7. The writ petition on merit stands disposed of with the aforesaid directions.

8. Place the matter for compliance on 06.04.2026.

(Hiten S. Venegavkar, J.)

(Smt. Vibha Kankanwadi, J.)

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