



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

**904 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 25 OF 2025**

**WALMIK GOPINATH AGHADE AND OTHERS**

**VERSUS**

**THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF  
INDIA**

...

Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad

Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate

Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. N. S. Salunke

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**WITH**

**CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 3602 OF 2026**

**IN ARB/25/2025**

...

**AND**

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**905 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 26 OF 2025**

**VITTHAL RAMRAO THENGDE AND OTHERS**

**VERSUS**

**THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF  
INDIA**

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad

Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate

Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. N. S. Salunke

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**WITH**

**CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 3612 OF 2026**

**IN ARB/26/2025**

...

**AND**

...

**906 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 27 OF 2025**

**VINOD KANHAIYALAL BHARUKA AND OTHERS**

VERSUS

THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF  
INDIA

...

Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad  
Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate  
Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. Nitin S. Salunke

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**WITH**

**CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 3604 OF 2026  
IN ARB/27/2025**

...

**AND**

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**907 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 28 OF 2025  
VIJAY SHARAD CHANDRATIKE AND OTHERS**

VERSUS

THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF  
INDIA

...

Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad  
Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate  
Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. N. T. Tribhuwan

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**WITH**

**CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 3614 OF 2026  
IN ARB/28/2025**

...

**AND**

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**908 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 29 OF 2025  
ASHOK NAMDEV MISAL AND OTHERS**

VERSUS

THE PROJECT DIRECTOR NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF  
INDIA

...

Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad  
Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate  
Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. U. B. Bondar

...

WITH  
CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 3610 OF 2026  
IN ARB/29/2025

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AND

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909 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 30 OF 2025  
RAJU HIRAMAN RATHOD AND OTHERS

VERSUS

THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF  
INDIA

...

Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad  
Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate  
Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. Rajendra D. Sanap

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WITH  
CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 3608 OF 2026  
IN ARB/30/2025

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AND

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910 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 31 OF 2025  
VIJAY SHARAD CHANDRATIKE AND OTHERS

VERSUS

THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF  
INDIA

...

Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad  
Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate

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WITH  
CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 3603 OF 2026  
IN ARB/31/2025

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AND

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**911 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 32 OF 2025**  
**KHANIJABI SHAIKH SIRAJ AND OTHERS**  
**VERSUS**  
**THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF**  
**INDIA**

...  
Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad  
Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate  
Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. N. T. Bhagat

...  
**WITH**  
**CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 3605 OF 2026**  
**IN ARB/32/2025**

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**AND**

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**912 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 33 OF 2025**  
**MUNISH RATANLAL SHARMA AND OTHERS**  
**VERSUS**  
**THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF**  
**INDIA AND ANOTHERS**

...  
Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad  
Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate  
Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. Rajesh H. Mewara

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**WITH**  
**CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 3599 OF 2026**  
**IN ARB/33/2025**

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**AND**

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**913 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 34 OF 2025**  
**SATYANARAYAN DATTARAM PATIL AND OTHERS**  
**VERSUS**  
**THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF**  
**INDIA AND OTHERS**

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad  
Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate

Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Ms. Mayuti G. Kasturkar

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WITH

CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 3600 OF 2026  
IN ARB/34/2025

...

AND

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**914 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 35 OF 2025**

YADNYAVIR ANANDRAO KAVADE

VERSUS

THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF  
INDIA AND ANR.

...

Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad

Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate

Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. Rohit Sarvadnya

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WITH

CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 3606 OF 2026  
IN ARB/35/2025

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AND

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**915 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 36 OF 2025**

ASHABAI PRALHAD KOLHE AND ANOTHER

VERSUS

THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF  
INDIA AND ANR.

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad

Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate

Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. Nandkishor U. Yadav

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WITH

CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 3601 OF 2026  
IN ARB/36/2025

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AND

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**916 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 37 OF 2025**

SATISH BUDHAJIRAO SHINDE AND ANR.

VERSUSTHE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF  
INDIA AND ANR.

...

Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad

Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate

Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. Rajesh H. Mewara

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**AND**

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**917 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 38 OF 2025**

SUBHASH RAMCHANDRA AGRAWAL AND OTHERS

VERSUSTHE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF  
INDIA AND ANR.

...

Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad

Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate

Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Ms. Mayuri G. Kasturkar

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**AND**

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**918 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 39 OF 2025**

SACHIN SUMATILAL JAVHERI AND OTHERS

VERSUSTHE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF  
INDIA AND ANR.

...

Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad

Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate

Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. Akshay D. Kulkarni

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**AND**

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**919 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 40 OF 2025**  
**DILIP AMBADAS VETAL AND OTHERS**  
**VERSUS**  
**THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF**  
**INDIA AND ANR.**

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad  
Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate  
Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. U. B. Bondar

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**AND**

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**920 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 41 OF 2025**  
**SUSHILABAI RAGHUNATH JANJAL AND OTHERS**  
**VERSUS**  
**THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF**  
**INDIA AND ANOTHER**

...  
Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad  
Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate  
Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. Rohit S. Sarvadnya

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**AND**

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**921 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 42 OF 2025**  
**SHILA SUBHASH AGRAWAL AND OTHERS**  
**VERSUS**  
**THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF**  
**INDIA AND OTHERS**

...  
Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad  
Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate  
Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. U. B. Bondar

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**AND**

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**922 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 44 OF 2025**  
**VISHWANATH MURGAPPA SINGARE AND OTHERS**

**VERSUS**

**THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF  
INDIA AND ANOTHER**

...

Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad

Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate

Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. Krushna S. Solanke

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**AND**

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**923 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 45 OF 2025**  
**KALPANA SHANKAR UBALE AND OTHERS**

**VERSUS**

**THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF  
INDIA AND ANOTHER**

...

Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad

Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate

Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. Krushna S. Solanke

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**AND**

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**924 ARBITRATION APPLICATION NO. 47 OF 2025**  
**SHAMIYODDIN WALIYYODDIN HASHMI**

**VERSUS**

**THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY OF  
INDIA AND ANR.**

...

Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ajit Baburao Gaikwad

Advocate for Respondent No.1 : Mr. S. J. Rahate

Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. Avinash R. Borulkar

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**CORAM : ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.**

**DATE : 27.03.2026**

**PER COURT:**

1. Heard.
2. The Arbitration Applications are filed for extension of the mandate under Section 29-A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act.
3. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of **Jagdeep Chowgule Vs. Sheela Chowgule and others, dated 29.01.2026**, relying upon the Judgment of Chief Engineer (NH) PWD (Roads) Vs. BSC&C and C JV, 2024 SCC OnLine SC 1801, has observed that the power under Sub-Section 29A of the Arbitration Act vests in the Court as defined in Section 2(1)(e) of the Arbitration Act. It is the principal Civil Court of original jurisdiction in a district which includes a High Court provided the High Court has ordinary original civil jurisdiction.
4. This Court in case of **National Highway Authority of India and others Vs. Suresh Pardharinath Matre and others, MANU/MH/2637/2026 : Arbitration Appeal No.10 of 2026 with connected matters, dated 18.03.2026** has taken a view that Section 29-A of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 has no application to the arbitration proceedings initiated under Section 3(G)(5) of the National Highways Act, 1956. This court in the case

of Suresh Matre (supra) has observed at Paragraph No.49, as under:

*"49. This Court for the reasons discussed above, holds that Section 29A of the Act, which provides for a time limit for the conclusion of arbitration proceedings extension of mandate of Arbitrator, reduction of fees of arbitrator and for substitution of the arbitrator, would not apply to an arbitrator appointed under Section 3G(5) of the National Highways Act."*

5. In view of the above, all the Applications are disposed of with direction to the Arbitrator to decide the pending Arbitration Applications expeditiously.

6. In view of disposal of the Arbitration Applications, the interim Civil Applications are also disposed of.

[ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.]

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