

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 11387 OF 2025**

Shivriam Mahadev Sutar and ors

...Petitioners

VERSUS

The Collector, Kolhapur and ors

...Respondents

Ms. Rachana Harpale (Through VC), a/w Mr. Abhijeet B. Desai
Advocate for Petitioner

Mr. Avinash Naik, AGP for the State

**CORAM : NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI
AND AJIT B. KADETHANKAR, JJ.**

DATE : 11th FEBRUARY 2026.

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1. By this petition, the petitioners seek direction to the respondent to acquire their land and pay compensation to them.

Admittedly, the possession of the petitioners' land was taken in the year 1997 for construction of the bridge on Tulsi river.

2. Respondents have filed reply and contented that land acquisition process is initiated and compensation amount will be paid to the petitioners after completion of the process of the land acquisition. Due to lack of funds after Covid, compensation amount could not be received by the office of the Deputy Engineer, PWD, Radhanagari, District, Kolhapur. A demand is already raised to the government. Preliminary process of land acquisition i.e. joint measurement is initiated and fees for the same is already deposited

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with Taluka Inspector of Land Record, Radhanagari, vide challan dated 28th January 2026. The land acquisition process will be carried out as soon as possible.

3. The statements made in the affidavit-in-reply filed by the respondents, are recorded as undertaking to this Court.

4. Writ petition is therefore, disposed of by directing the respondent to carry out acquisition process as expeditiously as possible, within the time stipulated in the Act and pay compensation to the petitioners, in accordance with law.

(AJIT B. KADETHANKAR, J)

(NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI, J.)