

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 414 OF 2026

Madhukar Antu Patil And Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra And Others	...Respondents

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 418 OF 2026

Late Shama Rama Patil Deceased Through Lrs. Suman Babaso Patil And Anr.	...Petitioners
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra Through The District Collector And Ors.	...Respondents

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 421 OF 2026

Chhaya Machhindra Patil	...Petitioner
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra And Others	...Respondents

WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 424 OF 2026

Late Gopala Daulu Patil Through Lrs Bhanudas G Patil And Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra Through District Collector And Others	...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 413 OF 2026**

Ananda Bapu Patil And Anr	...Petitioners
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra And Ors.	...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 415 OF 2026**

Late Ravindra Baburao Magdum Through Lrs Manoj R. Magdum And Ors.	...Petitiones
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra Through District Collector And Others	...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 426 OF 2026**

Late Shamrao Nana Patil Since Deceased Through Lrs. And Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra Through The District Collector And Ors.	...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 422 OF 2026**

Raghunath Dhondiram Patil And Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra And Others	...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 416 OF 2026**

Ekanath Shripati Magdum And Others	...Petitioner
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra Through District Collector And Others	...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 420 OF 2026**

Lahu Arjun Patil And Others	...Petitioners
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra And Ors.	...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 425 OF 2026**

Bandu Daulu Patil Since Deceased Through Lrs. And Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra Through The District Collector And Ors.	...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 417 OF 2026**

Late Anil Jaysing Magdum Through Lrs. Tejas Anil Magdum And Anr.	...Petitioners
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra Through District Collector And Others	...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 410 OF 2026**

Late Anjali Sakharam Patil Since Deceased Through Lrs. Ramchandra Sakharam Patil And Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra Through The District Collector And Ors.	...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 423 OF 2026**

Raghunath Dhondiram Patil And Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra Through District Collector And Others	...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 419 OF 2026**

Mahipati Rama Patil Since Deceased Through Lrs. Sunil Mahipati Patil And Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
The State Of Maharashtra Through District Collector And Others	...Respondents

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Adv. Prashant Bhavake, for Petitioners.

Mr. Vikas Mahadeo Mali, learned AGP for the Respondent-State in WP/414/2026 and WP/424/2026.

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**CORAM : MADHAV J. JAMDAR &
PRAVIN S. PATIL, JJ.**

DATE : 17th APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard Mr. Bhavake, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and learned AGPs for the respondent-State.

2. As the issue involved in this group of Petitions is identical, the same are being disposed of by this common order.
3. By the impugned order dated 20th March 2025, the reference filed under Section 64 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 has been rejected by the Land Acquisition Officer on the ground of non-payment of Court fees.
4. Mr. Bhavake, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners, states that the said order is passed without issuing any notice to the petitioners. He further submits that the petitioners are ready and willing to pay the Court fees.
5. Accordingly, as the petitioners are ready to pay the Court fees, the impugned order dated 20th March 2025 is required to be quashed and set aside in the interest of justice and an opportunity is required to be granted to the petitioners to pay the Court fees.
6. Accordingly, we pass the following order :

::ORDER::

- i. The impugned order dated 20th March 2025 is quashed and set aside.
- ii. The respective petitioners shall pay the Court fees on or before 15th May 2026.
- iii. If the Court fees is paid within the said period, the Land Acquisition Officer shall send the reference to the Land

Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Authority under Section 64 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 in accordance with law.

iv. The Writ Petitions are disposed of in above terms.

v. No order as to cost.

[PRAVIN S. PATIL, J.]

[MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.]