IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CONTEMPT PETITION NO.493 OF 2026
IN
WRIT PETITION NO. 15411 OF 2024

Laxman Shripati Dalimkar .. Petitioner

V/S.

Vikas Kharge The State Of Maharashtra Through The Secretary Revenue And Forest Department .. Respondent

WITH
CONTEMPT PETITION NO.494 OF 2026
IN
WRIT PETITION NO. 15408 OF 2024

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Mr. Sahil Choudhri h/f Nihad Patil, for the petitioners in both the petitions.

Mr. B.V. Samant, Addl. G.P. with Ms. P.M.J. Deshpande, AGP, for the State.

CORAM : MANISH PITALE &
SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, JJ.

DATE : 12TH OCTOBER 2026.

PC:

1. By these contempt petitions, the petitioners allege that the respondents have violated specific directions contained in judgments

and orders dated 8/5/2025 passed by a Division Bench of this Court in Writ Petition Nos.15408 of 2024 and 15411 of 2024.

2. By the said judgments and orders, this Court had directed the respondents to initiate and complete the exercise of acquisition of the subject lands and payment of compensation within a period of one year from the date of the said orders. Since the specific direction contained in the said orders dated 8/5/2025 passed by this Court in the aforementioned Writ Petitions was not complied with, the petitioners were constrained to file these contempt petitions. The respondents have filed their reply affidavits in these contempt petitions. They appear to have been e-filed but not shared with this Court.

3. The Registry is directed to ensure that the reply affidavits are taken on record. For the convenience of this Court, the learned AGP tendered photocopies of the said reply affidavits along with accompanying documents. In both the reply affidavits, the respondents have stated a schedule whereby they intend to comply with the directions issued by this Court.

4. The deponent has tendered unconditional and unqualified apology for failure to abide by the period of one year specified by this Court, and it is submitted that the exercise shall be completed in terms of the schedule proposed in the reply affidavits.

5. The aforesaid schedule reads as follows:

SCHEDULE

Sr. No.	Land Acquisition Millstone to be achieved	Final Extended Deadline
1.	Procurement of final signed joint measurement maps from SLR, Shirur.	Already Done.
2.	Publication of the formal declaration Notification u/sec 19(1) of the Act 2013 in the Govt. Gazette.	15.10.2026
3.	Processing and conclusion of all individual statutory hearings for residual objections from the 8 landholders.	20.11.2026
4.	Declaration of the final Award.	Within 10 days from the date of the hearing.
5.	Deposit of amount by EGS Dept.	Within 10 days from the date of receipt of Award.
6.	Direct electronic disbursement of the remaining balance compensation to claimants.	Within 8 days from the date of receipt of funds.

6. The learned AGP further submits that the amount of compensation pertaining to both these petitions is to be arranged by the Department of Employment Guarantee Scheme, and therefore, an observation may be made by this Court to the effect that the said Department shall abide by the schedule indicated hereinabove.

7. In that context, attention of this Court is invited to a communication sent by the Sub divisional Officer, Pune (SDO) to the Collector, Employment Guarantee Scheme, Pune informing the said authority about the requirement of depositing amount towards compensation payable to the petitioners.

8. In view of the above, the apology tendered on behalf of the

respondents is accepted. It is directed that the respondents shall strictly abide by the above quoted schedule, so that the land acquisition process is completed and compensation is disbursed to the petitioners as per the schedule quoted hereinabove.

9. It is further clarified that in terms of the schedule, the final awards pertaining to acquisition of the lands shall be passed on or before 30th November 2026. Accordingly, the Collector, Employment Guarantee Scheme, Pune, shall ensure that the amounts finalized in the said awards are deposited with the competent authority SDO on or before 10/12/2026. The said competent authority is further directed to ensure that the amounts are then disbursed to the petitioners on or before 18/12/2026.

10. With these observations, the contempt petitions are disposed of.

11. List under the caption "for compliance" on 22nd December 2026 in the category of fresh matters.

(SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, J.) (MANISH PITALE, J.)