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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

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WRIT PETITION NO.17235 OF 2025

Laxman R. Navhi, since deceased
through his L.R. - Suresh R. Chavan (Navhi) ...Petitioners
V/s.
Deputy Collector, Rehabilitation, Raigad & Ors. ...Respondents

Mr.Nitin P. Deshpande with Ms.Rachana Harpale and
Mr.Santosh Kurade for the Petitioners.

Mr.A.I. Patel, Addl.GP with Mr.R.S. Pawar, AGP for the State –
Respondent.

CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL &
SANDESH D. PATIL, JJ.
DATE : 14TH JANUARY, 2026.

P.C. :-

1. It is the Petitioners' case that they are the legal heir of
Laxman Rama Navhi, who was the owner of the land situated in
Survey No.176, 216/2 and 150/2 situated at village Kargaon,
Taluka Jalwali, District Satara. Learned counsel for the Petitioners
submitted that the said lands were acquired for Koyna project.
No alternate land was given to Laxman Rama Navhi or his legal

heirs. The Petitioners made an application on 3rd August, 2020 before the Additional Collector, Raigad.

2. Learned counsel for the Petitioners submitted that there was correspondence between the Additional Collector Raigad and the Collector Satara. Till date, the Petitioners' application is not yet decided. It is quite obvious that the Petitioners' application is pending for quite some time. Least that was expected was that the Additional Collector, Raigad should have passed some order on the application.

3. Therefore, we are inclined to direct the Additional Collector, Raigad to decide the said application within a reasonable time.

4. Hence the following order :-

i). The Additional Collector, Raigad shall decide the Petitioners' application dated 3rd August, 2020 within a period of three months from today strictly in accordance with law.

ii). We make it clear that we have not made any observations regarding the entitlement of the Petitioners to have an alternate land. The issue is strictly left to the decision of the Authorities at this stage.

5. The Writ Petition is disposed off.

(SANDESH D. PATIL, J.)

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)