

2. In the said interim applications seeking amendment of the writ petitions, the petitioners seek to add pleadings to the effect that the agreements leading to acquisition of their lands at specific rate, was based on an unequal bargaining power, as the petitioners are illiterate persons. By way of amendment, the petitioners also seek to place reliance on the judgement of a Division Bench of this Court in the case of *Murlidhar Rama Veer vs. State of Maharashtra*, **2022 (2) Bom CR 733**.

3. We find that allowing the applications for amendment will not change the nature of the petition, for the reason that the basic grievance of the petitioners is already reflected therein, pertaining to the alleged loss suffered by the petitioners at the hands of the respondents, while entering into agreements for acquisition of their lands.

4. In view of the above, the applications for amendment are allowed. Accordingly, the petitioners shall carry out amendment in their respective writ petitions, within two weeks from today. Thereafter, the amended writ petitions shall be served on the office of the Government Pleader.

5. It is made clear that allowing the amendment does not amount to accepting the pleadings sought to be added by way of amendment and the respondents would be at liberty to oppose the same.

6. List the petitions for further consideration on 17.06.2026.

(SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, J)

(MANISH PITALE, J.)