

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.14411 OF 2025

Kisan Gopal Tokare .. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. .. Respondents

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Mr. Saurabh Butala a/w Ms. Manvi Sharma, for the Petitioner.

Mr. A.I. Patel, Addl. G.P. a/w Mr. V.G. Badgujar, AGP, for the Respondent – State.

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CORAM: BHARATI DANGRE &
MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, JJ.
DATED : 21st JANUARY, 2026

P.C:-

1. According to the learned counsel for the Petitioner, the case of the Petitioner is governed by the decision of the Apex Court in *Godrej and Boyce Manufacturing Company Limited & Anr. V/s. State Of Maharashtra & Ors.*¹ and *Rohan Vijay Nahar & Ors. V/s. State of Maharashtra & Ors.*², as regards the Maharashtra Private Forests (Acquisition) Act, 1975 and classification of the lands as forest. The learned Government Advocate Mr. Patel seek some time.

¹ (2014) 3 SCC 430

² 2025 SCC OnLine SC 2366

As we have already directed the listing of identical Petitions on 10.02.2026, it is open for the Respondent-State to file an affidavit-in-reply or, as directed in the other Petitions, appropriate instructions may be obtained from the Forest Department.

2. Stand over to **10.02.2026**. To be listed on the Supplementary Board.

(MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J.) (BHARATI DANGRE, J.)