

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO.15600 OF 2025

Madhav Dattatraya Karve & Ors. .. Petitioners

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. .. Respondents

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.13464 OF 2025**

Pratibha Ramesh Date .. Applicant

Versus

Madhav Dattatraya Karve & Ors. .. Respondents

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Mr. S.M. Gorwadkar, Sr. Advocate, a/w Mr. Sujay H. Gangal, for the Petitioners.

Mr. Akshay R. Kulkarni, for the Applicant/Intervenor in IA/13464/2025.

Ms. Kavita N. Solunke, Addl. GP, for the Respondent – State.

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**CORAM: BHARATI DANGRE &
MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, JJ.**

DATED : 22nd JANUARY, 2026

P.C:-

1. The Petition seek a declaration that the provisions of the Maharashtra Private Forests (Acquisition) Act, 1975, are not applicable in regard to the subject land in which the Petitioners are interested, and that on account of non-service

of notice on the owners as per Section 35(3) of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, and the notification is bad in law.

Since the Respondents are yet to file their reply, we direct the reply affidavit on behalf of Respondent Nos.1 to 5 to be filed on or before 06.02.2026, with the copy being served upon the learned senior counsel for the Petitioners.

To be listed along with other matters involving similar issue, which we have slated for hearing on **10.02.2026**.

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.13464 OF 2025 :

2. The Interim Application seek intervention in the present proceedings, and as the learned senior counsel Mr. Gorwadkar do not oppose the intervention, the intervenor is directed to be impleaded as a Respondent by effecting the necessary amendment within a period of one week from today.

The newly added Respondent is at liberty to file affidavit-in-reply if he deems it necessary.

(MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J.)

(BHARATI DANGRE, J.)