



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY,
NAGPUR BENCH, AT NAGPUR.**

WRIT PETITION NO.484 OF 2026

Dhannu S/o Madan Chaudhari (Gawali), Mehkar, Dist. Buldhana

vs.

The Collector, Buldhana and ors.

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's orders

Court's or Judge's orders

Shri R. N. Ghuge, Advocate for petitioner.

Shri A. V. Palshikar, Assistant Government Pleader for respondent Nos.1 to 3.

CORAM : ANIL S. KILOR AND RAJ D. WAKODE, JJ.

DATED : 20th January, 2026

Heard Shri R. N. Ghuge, learned counsel for the petitioner who submits that the petitioner is occupying the property mentioned in prayer clause (i) since last 50 years and has constructed a house on the said property. The petitioner is using the said property for residential use and has been paying the taxes and fines imposed by the authorities regularly.

2. It is submitted that on 04/04/2002 the Government of Maharashtra has issued a Government Resolution laying down the procedure for regularizing the encroachment on the Government land for residential use. A similar policy has been adopted by respondent No.1 on 17/11/2018 wherein the Urban Development Department has issued a Government Resolution laying down the mode and manner in which the encroachments on the Government lands were to be regularized under the scheme titled as "Homes for Everyone 2022".

3. Shri Ghuge, learned counsel has invited our attention to various representations made by the petitioner from 26/07/2024 onwards (record pages 27 to 31 (Annexure-E colly) to the respondent No.1-Collector, Buldhana praying for regularisation of the aforesaid

property. Shri Ghuge submits that till today, the aforesaid representations are not decided.

4. In view of above, we dispose of the petition with directions to respondent No.1 to decide the representations of the petitioner more specifically representation dated 01/10/2024 (record page Nos.27 to 31 Annexure-E colly) within a stipulated period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the order of this Court.

The respondent No.1 shall consider the policy of Government of Maharashtra adopted vide Government Resolutions dated 04/04/2002 and 17/11/2018 while taking decision on the aforesaid representations. The decision taken thereupon shall be communicated to the petitioner within a period of two weeks from the date of decision.

5. No order as to costs.

(Raj D. Wakode, J.)

(Anil S. Kilor, J.)