IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 1891 OF 2026

Devram Narayan Salokhi .. Petitioner

V/s.

The Collector Raigad and Ors .. Respondents

Mr. S. S. Panchpor, a/w Mr. S. S. Mashalkar, for the Petitioner.

Ms. G. R. Raghuwanshi, AGP for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2 - State.

CORAM : MANISH PITALE & SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, JJ.

DATE : 18TH FEBRUARY 2026.

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1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner. The principal grievance of the petitioner is that despite objections and representations submitted before the Respondent No. 2- Competent Authority and Sub-Divisional Officer with regard to dispute raised by the petitioner for apportionment of compensation relating to acquisition of lands, the objections have been kept pending and yet, part of the compensation amount has been already disbursed in favor of Respondent Nos. 9 and 10.

2. Reliance is placed on judgment of the Division Bench of this Court in the case of ***Gramastha Mandal Kundevahal Through Panchpudhari, Sharad Bama Bhoir and Others V/s State of Maharashtra and Others***[1]**.** We find that in the said judgment, in similar

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circumstances, this Court had directed that the dispute raised by the petitioner therein should be referred to the Principal Court of Original Civil Jurisdiction and that the disbursed amount shall be brought back. We find that the petitioners, in the facts and circumstances of the present case, have made out a *prima facie* case in their favor.

3. The Respondent No. 2 ought to have decided the objections raised by the petitioner before taking any steps for disbursing the amount of compensation.

4. Hence, issue notice returnable on 30th March 2026.

5. Learned AGP waives notice on behalf of Respondent Nos. 1 and 2. Additionally, the petitioner is permitted to serve Respondent Nos. 3 to 13 by way of private service and to file an affidavit of service before the next date of listing.

6. In the meanwhile, until the next date of listing, there shall be ad-interim relief in terms of prayer Clause (e) which reads as follows:

> *"e) That during the pendency and hearing of the present writ petition, the Respondent No. 2 may kindly be directed not to disburse any further amounts under the said Award dated 09.02.2024 without deciding the Objections raised by the Petitioner."*

(SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, J.) **(MANISH PITALE, J.)**