

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 4596 OF 2026**

Sadanand Nivrutti Dhole and others ... Petitioners
vs.
Deputy Collector, Acquisition No.17 and others ... Respondents

Ms. Rachana Harpale, i/b. Mr. Nitin Prabhakar Deshpande for petitioners.
Ms. Tanu N. Bhatia, AGP for all respondents – State.

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

DATE : 15th APRIL, 2026

P.C. :

. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners.

2. The grievance of the petitioners appears to be that part of their land has been utilized for road widening project, but, appropriate steps for acquisition and payment of compensation, have not been undertaken. In this context, a notice dated 29.02.2024 was issued on behalf of the petitioners through their advocate to the concerned officers of the State and also the Public Works Department.

3. On 19.03.2024, the respondent No.2 – Sub-divisional Engineer, Public Works Department sent a response, *inter alia*, indicating that an appropriate joint measurement would reveal the facts, which in turn would help in assessing as to whether the grievance of the petitioners is genuine or not. In the said communication, a reference is also made to a letter sent to the Deputy Superintendent of Land Records, Haveli, Pune. In that regard, it would be appropriate that the said officer is also joined as a party respondent in the present petition.

4. In that light, leave is granted to the petitioners to add Deputy Superintendent of Land Records, Haveli, Pune, as respondent No.5. Amendment be carried out forthwith.

5. In view of the above, issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 06.05.2026, High on Board. Learned AGP waives notice on behalf of all the respondents, including the newly added respondent.

(SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, J.)

(MANISH PITALE, J.)

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