



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CONTEMPT PETITION (ST) NO.11956 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.1983 OF 2023

Ashok Gangadhar Puranik & Anr.

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra & Ors.

...Respondents

Mr. Shailendra Kanetkar i/b. Ms. Sapna Rachure for the Petitioners.
Ms. S. D. Vyas, Addl. G. P a/w Ms. M. S. Bane, AGP for Respondent
Nos.1 to 7, 9 and 10-State.

CORAM : M. S. Sonak &
Jitendra Jain, JJ.

DATED : 15 April 2025

PC.:-

1. Heard Mr. Shailendra Kanetkar for the Petitioners and Ms. Vyas along with Ms. Bane appearing for all Respondents except Respondent No.8.

2. Ms. Vyas states that an affidavit-in-reply would be filed by 30 April 2025 explaining the steps taken for compliance. She points out that in terms of this Court's judgment and order dated 26 November 2024 in Writ Petition No.1983 of 2023 and connected matters, the acquisition is almost completed by the State Government Authorities and even an award is prepared. The award is also declared on 8 April 2025, but no compensation is paid to the Petitioners' because the CIDCO is yet to deposit the compensation amount with the State Government.

3. Ms. Vyas states that she has been informed by the State that CIDCO has preferred Special Leave Petition against this Court's

judgment and order dated 26 November 2024. However, she is unaware about whether any interim relief has been granted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in such SLP.

4. Accordingly, we issue notice to Respondent No.8 i.e. Managing Director and Vice Chairman of CIDCO to show cause. The Respondent No.8 must file an affidavit on or before 30 April 2025 by furnishing an advance copy to the learned counsel for the Petitioners.

5. Ms. Vyas points out that in terms of the award declared, the compensation amount payable to the Petitioners is determined at Rs.61.77 crores (approximate). Accordingly, unless the CIDCO obtains any interim relief from the Hon'ble Supreme Court, there is *prima facie* no justification why CIDCO must not deposit this amount with the State Government so that the same can be paid to the Petitioners.

6. Accordingly, we have directed Managing Director and Vice Chairman of CIDCO to file an affidavit in this matter. List the matter on 5 May 2025.

7. In addition to the usual mode of service, liberty is granted to the Petitioners to effect private service on Respondent No.8 and file an affidavit of service. This should be done at the earliest.

8. All concerned to act on an authenticated copy of this order.

(Jitendra Jain, J.)

(M. S. Sonak, J.)