

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 365 OF 2025

IN

WRIT PETITION NO. 4024 OF 2021

Vinod Anandji Prajapat and Anr .. Petitioners

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra and Anr .. Respondents

Mr. Anil Anturkar, Senior Advocate, a/w Mr. Tanaji Mhatugade, for the
Petitioners.

Mr. S. P. Kamble, AGP for Respondent No. 1 - State.

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

DATE : 23RD MARCH 2026.

PC:

1. The petitioners in this petition allege that the respondents/alleged contemnors have willfully disobeyed the order of this Court dated 12th July 2024, particularly the direction contained in Paragraph 7 thereof.

2. The learned AGP has in his possession certain documents, on the basis of which it is claimed that necessary steps were duly taken by the Collector at the relevant time. It is also indicated that the Kalyan-Dombivli Municipal Corporation (KDMC), being the beneficiary of the acquisition, has not taken necessary steps in the matter. It is also indicated by the learned AGP that in the light of the fact that the then Collector has now retired, this Court may

consider directing the petitioners to add the Sub-Divisional Officer/Special Land Acquisition Officer (SDO/SLAO) as a party.

3. In light of the submissions made on behalf of the respondents, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the Municipal Commissioner of KDMC may be permitted to be added as a party respondent in this petition.

4. In view of the aforesaid rival submissions, we are of the opinion that, for examining whether appropriate steps were indeed taken in terms of the order dated 12th July 2024, passed by this Court in Writ Petition No. 4024 of 2021, it would be appropriate that the SDO/SLAO and the Municipal Commissioner of KDMC are added as parties.

5. The amendment be carried out within one week from today. The newly added SDO/SLAO is permitted to file reply affidavit along with documents within two weeks from today. Issue notice to the newly added respondent- Municipal Commissioner of KDMC, returnable on 10th April 2026, 'High on Board.'

(SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, J.)

(MANISH PITALE, J.)