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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
APPELLATE SIDE CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 12766 OF 2025

Ajit Laxman Bhalerao & Ors
V/S

....Petitioners

The competent authority for NHAI and special
Land Acquisition Officer No.13 & Anr

....Respondents

Dr. Ramdas Sabban a/w. Adv. Shrikant Kompelli, Adv. Rohit Chitiken for
the Petitioner.

Mr. A. I. Patel, Addl. GP a/w. M. S. Bane, AGP for the Respondent No. 1

Mr. Mayuresh Ingale (through VC) i/b. K. Y. Juris for the Respondent No. 2

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

DATE: **26th FEBRUARY 2026**

P.C.

1. Learned Counsel for the Petitioners submits that issue arising in the present Petition is clearly covered by the recent judgment of this Court in the case of Vikrant Happy Homes Private Limited and Others vs. Union of India, Through Principal Secretary, Ministry of Rural Developments and Others (Judgment dated 02/02/2026) passed in Writ Petition No. 8122 of 2022.

2. Learned Counsel appearing for the Respondents submits that if the short adjournment is granted, reply affidavit, if necessary can be placed on

record and an attempt can be made to distinguish the present case from the judgment on which the learned Counsel for the Petitioners is relying.

3. Issue notice of final disposal, returnable on 24/03/2026, High on Board.
4. Learned AGP waives notice for the Respondent No. 1
5. Mr. Ingale, learned Counsel waives notice for the Respondent No. 2 - National Highways Authority of India.
6. Reply affidavit, if any, be filed within three weeks from today.

(SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, J.)

(MANISH PITALE, J.)