

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

**WRIT PETITION NO. 7418 OF 2026
WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 7426 OF 2026
WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 7427 OF 2026
WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 7429 OF 2026**

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Archana Harishchandra Patil and Ors.	...Petitioners
Versus	
State of Maharashtra and Ors.	...Respondents

Mr. Vijay Killedar a/w. Mr. Sumedh Modak and Mr. Aakash Bhopi, for the Petitioners.

Mr. O.A. Chandurkar, AGP a/w. Smt. G.R. Raghuwanshi, AGP for the State in WP No. 7418 of 2026.

Smt. D.S. Deshmukh, AGP for the State in WP No. 7426 of 2026.

Smt. Tanu Bhatia, AGP for the State in WP No. 7427 of 2026.

Mr. R.S. Pawar, AGP for the State in WP No. 7429 of 2026.

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

DATE : 19th JUNE, 2026

P.C. :

1. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners.
2. It is contended that in the facts and circumstances of the present cases, the respondent No. 2 Sub Divisional Officer and Competent Authority ought to have referred the dispute regarding

apportionment raised by the petitioners under section 19C(4) of the Maharashtra Highways Act, 1955 to the Principal Civil Court of Original Jurisdiction.

3. Issue notice to the respondents returnable on 22nd July, 2026 (HOB).

4. Learned AGP waives notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 and 2 – State authorities.

5. The petitioners are at liberty to serve the other respondents in all these petitions by way of private service and to file affidavit of service before the next date of listing.

(SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, J.)

(MANISH PITALE, J.)