

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

**CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 466 OF 2023
IN
CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 38 OF 2021
IN
CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 391 OF 2014
IN
WRIT PETITION NO. 270 OF 2022**

Govind Khandu Pombhale (Deceased)

(Through Legal Heirs)

... Petitioner

V/s.

Ajay More & Ors.

... Respondents

AND

**CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 467 OF 2023
IN
CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 52 OF 2021
IN
CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 166 OF 2014
IN
WRIT PETITION NO. 9446 OF 2012**

Mantu Bhagu Kawde (Deceased)

... Petitioner

(Through Legal Heirs)

V/s.

Ajay More & Ors.

... Respondents

Mr. Sanjiv Sawant a/w Mr. Abhishek Deshmukh and Ms. Bhakti Wast for
Petitioner.

Mr. A.I. Patel, Addl.G.P. for Respondent-State in CP No. 466 of 2023.

Mr. N.C. Walimbe, Addl.G.P. for Respondent-State in CP No. 467 of 2023.

**CORAM : A. S. GADKARI AND
KAMAL KHATA, JJ.**
DATE : 4th May 2026

P.C. :

1) It is an admitted fact on record that, till date, the grievance of the Petitioner is not redressed despite passing various Orders by this Court.

1.1) We are in agreement with the observations made by our Predecessor's in Order dated 7th April 2022 that, the citizens of India cannot be left to the mercy of the Officers of the Revenue Department to allot the lands to the Petitioner by the District Resettlement Officer or other competent Authority. It is the legal right of the Petitioner to get the concerned lands, in view of their land being acquired for Bhama and/or Chaskaman project.

1.2) It is unfortunately become a regular feature that the District Resettlement Officers and/or other Revenue Authorities of lower ranks are causing undue and unwarranted harassment to the citizens i.e. the agriculturists or such other persons whose lands have been acquired apparently decades ago.

2) Taking into consideration the plight of such citizens, we deem it appropriate to direct the Divisional Commissioner, Pune Division, Pune, to file his detailed reply to the Petition(s).

2.1) We direct the Divisional Commissioner, Pune Division, Pune, not to delegate its power to any subordinate Officer while filing reply.

2.2) We direct the Divisional Commissioner, Pune Division, Pune, to place on record the names of all the concerned Officers, who from time to time, were responsible for flouting not only the statutory mandate but also the Orders of the Court or have failed to take positive steps in allotting lands to the Petitioner and/or other similarly situated persons and more specifically mentioned in our Predecessor's Order dated 7th April 2022.

2.3) The said reply be filed on or before 30th June 2026.

3) Stand over to 1st July 2026.

(KAMAL KHATA, J.)

(A.S. GADKARI, J.)