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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION  
WRIT PETITION NO. 10456 OF 2017**

Mr. Prakashchandra Mohanal ... Petitioners  
Desai and Others

Vs.

The Union Territory of Daman ... Respondents  
and Diu and Others

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 10589 OF 2016**

Mr. Prakashchandra Mohanal ... Petitioners  
Desai and Others

Vs.

The Union of India, through ... Respondents  
Secretary and Others

**WITH  
WRIT PETITION NO. 10583 OF 2016**

Mr. Bipinchandra Raghunathji ... Petitioners  
Desai and Others

Vs.

The Union Territory of Daman ... Respondents  
and Diu and Others

Mr. Satish Borulkar a/w. Ms. Ankita P. Rai, Mr.Siddhsen  
Borulkar, Ms. Tanvi Gopani i/b. Mr. Manoj S. Mhambrey for  
the Petitioners.

Mr. Dashrath A. Dubey a/w. Mr. Rupesh D. Dubey for  
Respondent No. 1. in WP/10583/2016 and WP/10589/2016-  
Union of India.

Dr. Sanjay Jain a/w. Mr. Harsh Dedhia for Respondent nos. 2  
to 4.

**CORAM : GAURI GODSE, J.**

**DATE : 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2026**

**ORDER :**

1. Heard. Arguable points are raised. Hence, Rule.
2. Learned counsel for respondent no. 1 – Union of India and respondent nos. 2 to 4 waives service.
3. Rule is made returnable on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026.
4. By order dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 the parties were directed to maintain status quo. The said order shall continue to operate during the pendency of the petitions. It is clarified that all the parties shall maintain status quo in respect of the revenue record, status, nature, title and possession of the properties which are subject matter of these petitions.
5. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that the issue of resumption of the land in favour of the government was initiated in 1976. He further submits that resumed land are to be used for public purpose. He submits that the petitions are pending since 2016; hence, be heard on an early date.
6. Office shall add the writ petitions to the weekly final hearing board commencing from 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026.

7. Reply, if any, to be filed before the next date with an advance copy to the learned Advocate for the petitioners.

**[GAURI GODSE, J.]**