

5. List for further consideration on 10th February 2026 on the Supplementary Board.”

2. It is to be noted that even prior thereto, on 19th November 2025, a Division Bench of this Court (Coram: Suman Shyam and M. M. Sathaye, JJ.) had recorded a submission made on behalf of respondent No.3-MIDC that a proposal to de-notify the land of the petitioners was moved and that as soon as a decision is taken in the matter, it would be brought to the notice of this Court.

3. The additional affidavit filed on behalf of the petitioners refers to and relies upon a communication dated 16th July 2024, sent on behalf of the respondent No.3 to the Joint Secretary (Industries), Mantralaya, Mumbai, stating that upon discussion amongst the officers of the MIDC, approval was granted for moving the concerned Authority for de-notifying the land of the petitioners in Gut No. 500. It was also stated in the said communication that the said proposal may be placed before High Power Committee of the State for consideration.

4. It is in this backdrop that we had permitted in our order dated 20th January 2026 for the respondent No.3 to place an additional affidavit on record.

5. The learned counsel for respondent No.3 submits that despite efforts made to take instructions from highest officials of respondent No.3-MIDC, specific instructions were not forthcoming and that therefore, the additional affidavit could not be placed on record.

6. We are surprised at the approach and attitude of the officers of respondent No.3-MIDC, particularly in the backdrop of the aforesaid communication dated 16th July 2024 addressed on behalf of respondent No.3-MIDC itself to the competent authority of the State, recommending de-notification of land belonging to the petitioners.

7. Be that as it may, since the proposal to de-notify the land belonging to the petitioner has been forwarded on behalf of respondent No.3-MIDC itself, to be placed for consideration before the High Power Committee of the respondent-State, we are of the opinion that the Committee ought to take a decision on the matter.

8. In view of the above, the High Power Committee is directed to consider the proposal made on behalf of respondent No.3 for de-notifying the land of the petitioners in Gut No.500, expeditiously and in any case, within a period of four weeks from today.

9. The decision of the High Power Committee shall be placed before this Court, before the next date of listing.

10. List the petition for further consideration on 13th March 2026 (High on Board).

(SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, J.)

(MANISH PITALE, J.)