

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 8576 OF 2021

Babasaheb Vithoba Darekar and Ors .. Petitioners

V/s.

Collector Pune and Ors .. Respondents

Mr. Yuvraj Narvankar (through VC), a/w Ms. Rutuja Bhor, for the Petitioners.
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for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2 – State.

Ms. Shraddha Dubepatil, i/b Jay & Co., for Respondent No. 3.

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

DATE : 13TH MARCH 2026.

PC:

1. On 10th February 2026, this Court passed an order directing the High Power Committee of the respondent State to consider the proposal made on behalf of Respondent No. 3 for denotifying the land of the Petitioners in Gut No. 500 expeditiously and in any case within four weeks from the date of the order.

2. The learned counsel for the Petitioners informs us that thereafter, the High Power Committee met on two occasions, i.e. 25/02/2026 and 11/03/2026 and yet no decision was taken and therefore, the direction contained in the order dated 10/02/2026 has been violated.

3. The direction in the said order, particularly in Paragraph 8 thereof, is absolutely clear and there does not appear to be any explanation as to why the High Power Committee thought it fit to ignore the direction and not pass any order on the aforesaid proposal of Respondent No. 3 for denotifying the land of the Petitioners.

4. Learned AGP seeks time to take instructions in the matter.

5. We reiterate our direction issued in the order dated 10/02/2026 and direct the High Power Committee to abide by the said direction at the earliest and in any case within three weeks from today.

6. List for further consideration on 17th April 2026, 'High on Board.'

(SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, J.)

(MANISH PITALE, J.)