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

CIVIL WRIT PETITION NO. 19208 OF 2024

Rangnath Daji Aaradhi and anr. Petitioners

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra and Ors. Respondents

Mr. Vineet Naik, Sr. Advocate with Mr. Sukand Kulkarni for the
Petitioners.

Smt. Pooja Patil, AGP for the Respondent – State.

Mr. Nirav Shah a/w. Adv. Niharika Singh i/b. Little and Co. for
Respondent Nos.2 and 5 – MSEDCL.

**CORAM: SUMAN SHYAM &
SHYAM C. CHANDAK, JJ.**

DATED: 28th APRIL, 2026

PC:-

1. In terms of our Order dated 23rd April, 2026 passed in this proceeding, the Petitioners have once again submitted certain documents on 24th April, 2026 before the Respondent No.2, a list whereof has been tendered by Mr. Vineet Naik, the learned Senior Counsel for the Petitioners. Receipt of those documents are not denied by the learned Counsel for the Respondent No.2.

2. The Law Officer and the Assistant Engineer of the Respondent No.2 are present before the Court to answer the queries of this Court. On a pointed query made by this Court as to what action, if any, has been taken by the Respondent No.2 pursuant to the Report dated 5th July, 2023, no convincing answer could be given, thus, pointing towards the fact that practically no

action has been taken by the Respondent No.2 pursuant to the Report dated 5th July, 2023 which clearly furnishes the requisite data for working on the compensation plan.

3. Since the liability of the Respondent No.2 to pay compensation under the statute is not under dispute, therefore, it is evident that this is a case where the Respondent No.2 has failed to discharge its statutory duty, thus, causing loss, injury and harrasment to the Petitioners. Under such circumstances, the prayer made by the Petitioners for issuing directions for release of the amount of compensation, deserves consideration by this Court. However, we refrain from passing any direction in this case today by taking note of the submissions made by Mr. Shah, the learned Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 and 5 that within four weeks from today, the Respondent No.2 will do the needful to redress the grievance of the Petitioners in accordance with law.

4. At the request of Mr. Shah, the learned Counsel for Respondent Nos.2 and 5, list this case again on 12th June, 2026. Personal appearance of the Officials of the Respondent No.2 is hereby dispensed with until further orders.

(SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.)

(SUMAN SHYAM, J.)

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