

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

WRIT PETITION NO.14127 OF 2025

Pandit Shivaji Kumbharkar & Others

.. Petitioners.

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Others

.. Respondents.

Sr. Adv. Mr. Sunip Kumarsen with Adv. Ms. Tanaya Patankar, Adv. Prabhakar M. Jadhav and Adv. Shekhar Mane, for the Petitioners.

Mr. K. S. Thorat, 'B' Panel Counsel with Adv. M. M. Pabale, AGP, for Respondent Nos.1 to 3 – State.

Adv. Manoj Badgujar, for Respondent No.4.

Adv. Ms. Prerna Gandhi with Adv. Sumeet Salva and Adv. Priyal Gandhi, for Respondent No.5.

Adv. Chetan Hadollikar with Adv. Ashish Singh, Adv. Pooja Dalvi and Adv. Palak Tyagi i/b. A & S Legal, for Respondent No.8.

**CORAM: B. P. COLABAWALLA &
FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, JJ.**

DATE: APRIL 23, 2026

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1 Leave is granted to join MIDC as Respondent No.9. The amendment to be carried out forthwith in front of the Associate. Reverification is dispensed with.

2 The Petitioners are directed to serve MIDC once the amendment is carried out.

3 The Maharashtra Airport Development Company Ltd. (MADC) is directed to file an Affidavit in Reply within a period of two weeks from today and serve a copy of the same on the Advocate for the Petitioners.

4 The Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Ministry of Defence, and Airport Authority of India are also directed to file their respective Affidavits in Reply to the above Writ Petition on or before 7th May, 2026 and serve a copy of the same on the Advocate for the Petitioners.

5 These Affidavits should specifically address the issue as to why originally the Airport was shifted from site 1A to site 5A, and, thereafter once again shifted to site 1A.

6 We now place the above matter on board on 11th June, 2026.

7 This order will be digitally signed by the Private Secretary/ Personal Assistant of this Court. All concerned will act on production by fax or email of a digitally signed copy of this order.

[FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, J.]

[B. P. COLABAWALLA, J.]