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

WRIT PETITION NO. 15356 OF 2025

Sagar Dnyaneshwar Naik } Petitioner
Versus
Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation & Ors. } Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 15786 OF 2025**

Ashok Bhauso Patil } Petitioner
Versus
Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation & Ors. } Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 15776 OF 2025**

Sheetal Shripat Bhoir } Petitioner
Versus
Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation & Ors. } Respondents

Mr. Kirti G. Munshhi, Senior Advocate with Mr. Akshay S. Malviya, Advocates for the Petitioner in WP/15356/2025.

Mr. Karan Bhosale with Mr. Akshay Malviya and Mr. Gopal L. Dalvi, Advocates for the Petitioner in WP/15776/2025.

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Mr. Sachindra B. Shetye with Mr. Akshay Pansare and Mr. Nipun Sawane, Advocates for Respondent-State Election Commission.

Ms. Neha S. Bhide, Government Pleader with Mr. O. A. Chandurkar, Additional Government Pleader, Mr. V. G. Badgujar, AGP, Ms. G. R. Raghuwanshi, AGP and Ms. Pooja Patil, AGP for Respondent-State.

**CORAM: SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, C.J. &
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.**

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Rejoinder affidavit filed on behalf of the petitioner in Writ Petition No. 15356 of 2025 is taken on record.

2. In the additional affidavit filed on 24th December 2025 on behalf of the respondent nos. 1 and 2, the following statements have been made:-

“8. It is categorically denied that the limits of Ward Nos. 16 and 17 as also Ward Nos. 14 and 20 divide any buildings, chawls and houses as alleged or at all. It is submitted that the satellite images relied upon by the Petitioner with respect of Ward Nos. 16 and 17 (Ref: Exh. F at page No. 238/Addl. Affidavit dated 9th December 2025) and Ward Nos. 14 and 20 (Ref: Exh. G and Exh. H respectively at Page Nos. 239-240/Addl. Affidavit dated 9th December 2025) are misleading and wrong. The said allegation is vague and lacking in particulars. It is submitted that not a single house, building or chawl has been split into different wards. In fact, the boundary lines of the aforementioned Ward Nos. 16 and 17 as also Ward Nos. 14 and 20 as described in the Final Ward Formation Notification dated 6th October 2025 (“Final Ward Formation Notification”) would show that the same are natural roads/lanes/pathways. Ward Nos. 14 on the south side Ward No. 20 on the north side, Ward No. 16 on the west side and Ward No. 17 on the north side be seen in this regard. Hereto annexed and marked as Exhibit 4 (colly) are the copies of Google map images which show the boundary as a natural road/pathway/lane of the above-mentioned Ward Nos. 16 and 17 as also Ward Nos. 14 and 20.

3. Pending final consideration in these writ petitions, we are inclined to ask the respondent nos. 1 and 2 to adhere to and follow the statements made by them in paragraph no. 8 as reproduced above.

4. Post the matters on 4th February 2026.

[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]