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

WRIT PETITION NO. 17838 OF 2025

Lalita Atmaram Katkar ...Petitioner
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and Ors. ...Respondents

**ALONGWITH
WRIT PETITION (ST) NO. 37947 OF 2025
(Not on Board. Taken on Board)**

Prashant Kashinath Pawar ...Petitioner
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and Ors. ...Respondents

**ALONGWITH
WRIT PETITION (ST) NO. 37950 OF 2025
(Not on Board. Taken on Board)**

Devendra Narayan Tandel ...Petitioner
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and Ors. ...Respondents

**ALONGWITH
WRIT PETITION (ST) NO. 37951 OF 2025
(Not on Board. Taken on Board)**

Hemlata Uday Patil ...Petitioner
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and Ors. ...Respondents

**ALONGWITH
WRIT PETITION (ST) NO. 39694 OF 2025
(Not on Board. Taken on Board)**

Pratibha Gajanan Patil and Anr. ...Petitioners
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and Ors. ...Respondents

Mr. C.G. Gavnekar a/w Mr. Rohit Parab for Petitioner.
Mr. A.I. Patel, Addl. G.P. a/w Ms. S.B. Bane, AGP for Respondent-State in
WP/17838/2025.

Mr. A.I. Patel, Addl. G.P. a/w Ms. P.N. Diwan, AGP for Respondent-State in WP(ST)/37947/2025.

Ms. R.S. Pawar, AGP for Respondent-State in WP(ST)/37950/2025.

Ms. S.B. Bane, AGP for Respondent-State in WP(ST)/37951/2025.

Ms. R.S. Pawar, AGP for Respondent-State in WP(ST)/39694/2025.

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

DATE: 8th JANUARY 2026.

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1. Heard Learned Counsel for the Petitioner.

2. It is submitted that in the peculiar facts of the present case, particularly in the light of Minutes of Meeting dated 19th July 2023 recorded in the Office of the Deputy Chief Minister where specific directions were issued to the Collector and in that context letter dated 15th March 2024, the Petitioner is entitled to compensation at market rate despite the fact that an award dated 17th September 2011 was rendered under the provisions of the erstwhile Land Acquisition Act, 1894.

3. Issue notice returnable on 23rd February 2026.

4. Learned AGP waives notice on behalf of all the Respondents.

5. Reply/affidavit shall be filed before the returnable date.

6. At this stage, Learned Counsel appearing for the Petitioner informs this Court that identical issue is raised in Writ Petition (ST) No. 37947/2025, Writ Petition (ST) No. 37950/2025, Writ Petition (ST) No. 37951/2025 and Writ Petition (ST) No. 39694/2025. He submits that this

Court may consider taking the Petitions on board.

7. Hence, the aforesaid four Writ Petitions are taken on board. In the light of the fact that an identical issue arises in these four Writ Petitions also, issue notice returnable on 23rd February 2026.

8. Learned AGP waives notice on behalf of all the Respondents.

9. Reply/affidavit may also be filed in these Writ Petitions before the returnable date.

(SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, J.)

(MANISH PITALE, J.)