

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (L) NO. 4688 OF 2026

Pratik Dhanraj Kamble

... Petitioner

V/s.

Dy. Collector (Special Cell) Mumbai City,
Slum Rehabilitation Authority & Ors.

... Respondents

Mr. Kanhiya S. Yadav i/b Mr. Ankit S. Dubey for the Petitioner.

Ms. Ravleen Sabharwal, with Ms. Arushi Yadav, Mr. Aatish Tayade & Ms. Rutuja Shedge for the Respondent no. 1.

Mr. Dilip Shinde, with Mr. Rahul Mohite, for the Respondent no. 4.

Ms. Tanaya Goswami, for the Respondent no. 5-AGRC.

Mr. Pratik S. Jadhav, i/b Ms. Komal Punjabi, for the Respondent no. 6-BMC.

Mr. Uttam Yeshwant Sawant, Officer, F/J ward present in Court.

CORAM : FARHAN P. DUBASH, J.

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1. By an order dated 10th February 2026, the Assistant Commissioner and Competent Authority, F/South Ward was directed to decide the eligibility of the Petitioner herein and pass an order in that regard on or before 4th March 2026. As already recorded in the said order, the Application was pending before the Competent Authority since the past two months prior to the date of the said order. Today, Mr. Pratik Jadhav, who appears on behalf of the Assistant Commissioner and Competent Authority - Respondent no. 6, on instructions of his clients' representative Mr. Uttam Yeshwant Sawant, Officer, F/J Ward, states that a hearing was conducted on

24th February 2026. After the said hearing was concluded, he submits that the Petitioner has submitted additional documents to the Competent Authority and states that these documents are required to be scrutinised and if need be, during such scrutiny, a further hearing will also have to be held. As a result, he seeks time till 10th May 2026 for deciding the eligibility of the Petitioner.

2. On this, Mr. Kanhiya Yadav, learned Counsel who appears on behalf of the Petitioner confirms that after the hearing that was held on 24th February 2026, no further documents have been submitted to Respondent no. 6.

3. Considering this and keeping in mind the fact that the Competent Authority has already had a period of more than three months to decide the eligibility of the Petitioner, as and by way of a last chance, the Competent Authority shall pass an order on or before 1st April 2026 regarding the same.

4. Stand over to 7th April 2026.

5. Till then, ad-interim reliefs granted earlier, shall continue to operate.

(FARHAN P. DUBASH, J.)

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