



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 2600 OF 2021

F. E. Dinshaw Trust & Ors

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra & Ors

...Respondents

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Mr Girish S Godbole, Senior Advocate, with Mr Akash Rebello & Rujuta Patil, i/b, Negandhi Shah & Himayatullah, for the Petitioners.

Mr Atul Damle, Senior Advocate, with Mr Yashodeep Deshmukh, Ms Jyoti Mhatre & Ms Anuja Tirmali, for the Respondent-BMC.

Mr Manish Upadhye, AGP, for the Respondent-State.

Mr Ravindra Bombale, Dy. Collector (Land Acquisition), Present in Court.

Mr Bhushan Patil, AE DP with Mr Ashwinikumar Chaure, SE DP, Present in Court.

**CORAM M.S. Sonak &
Jitendra Jain, JJ.**

DATED: 19 March 2025

PC:-

1. Mr Manish Upadhye the learned AGP, based on instructions from Mr Revindra Bombale, Deputy Collector (Land Acquisition - 7) makes a statement that the State Government will positively publish the award regarding acquisition of the Petitioners' property within a period of six



months from today. The learned AGP States that this officer is authorised to make the statement on behalf of the State Government and the same may accordingly be recorded. We record this statement.

2. Considering the checkered history of this matter and the fact that the Petitioners have still not received any compensation, we direct that the award, consistent with the statement now made before us, must be passed within six months from today. Mr Godbole points out that the similar statement was made on earlier occasions but not complied with. He invited our attention to the order dated 21 March 2024 where such statement was recorded in paragraph 3. He pointed out that seven earlier orders were made recording similar statements which have unfortunately not been complied with by the State Government.

3. Therefore, though we accept the learned AGP's statement on this occasion, we direct that all the previous orders as well as this order must be placed before the Secretary (Revenue, Government of Maharashtra) within a week from today. The Secretary (Revenue, Government of Maharashtra) must monitor the progress of acquisition and ensure that the statement made on behalf of the State Government is complied with.

4. List the matter on 17 June 2025 for directions. Before the said date, a progress report must be filed by the Deputy Collector (Land Acquisition – 7) by giving an advance copy to the learned Counsel for the Petitioner.



5. All concerned to act on an authenticated copy of this order.

(Jitendra Jain, J)

(M.S. Sonak, J)