

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 1757 OF 2025

Ramesh Swamirath Singh ...Petitioner
Vs
The Slum Rehabilitation Authority & Ors. ...Respondents

Mr. Sankalp A. Sharma i/b. Karthic Iyer, for Petitioner.

Ms. Ravleen Sabharwal with Ms. Aarushi Yadav & Ms. Smriti Sanjeev, for Respondent Nos.1 & 2 SRA.

Mr. Rakesh Pathak, AGP for State.

Ms. Pushpa Yadav i/b. Ms. Komal Punjabi, & Ms. K.H. Mastakar, for BMC.

**CORAM: G. S. KULKARNI &
AARTI A. SATHE, JJ.**

DATE: 9 SEPTEMBER 2025.

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1. In pursuance of our order dated 2 September 2025, the proceedings are made returnable today, in terms of the compliance which was called for from the Chief Executive Officer on the observations as made in paragraph 11 of the said order, which read thus:

11. We also direct the Chief Executive Officer, SRA to place on record as to how the petitioner's land which has 5 to 6 structures could be declared as 'Slum' merely because the adjoining land is declared as slum. At this stage we are informed by learned Counsel for SRA that all these decisions are not taken by the Chief Executive Officer and they are taken by the subordinate officers. We are quite surprised at this submission. This position also be made clear in the affidavit of the SRA as to whether the officers subordinate to the Chief Executive Officer take such decisions and under what authority in law. Let such affidavit be filed by the Chief Executive Officer and the same be filed within one week from today. Only for this purpose, we adjourn the proceeding to 9 September 2025."

2. In pursuance thereto, learned Counsel for the SRA has sought to place on record an affidavit of Mr. Rama Mitkar, Deputy Chief Engineer. Although the

affidavit of Shri.Rama Mitkar is sought to be tendered, we do not accept this affidavit as it is not in compliance of the said order passed by the Court. We required the Chief Executive Officer to file an affidavit, as specifically directed by such order. Accordingly, affidavit of the Chief Executive Officer be placed on record within one week from today, so that further appropriate orders can be passed.

3. Stand over to **16 September 2025. HOB.**

(AARTI A. SATHE, J.)

(G. S. KULKARNI, J.)