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

LAND ACQUISITION REFERENCE NO.2 OF 2015

Deputy Collector (Land Acquisition)

No.7, Mumbai and Mumbai Suburban

District ...Applicant

And

KU Ramchandani & Ors. ...Claimants

v/s.

The Commissioner, Municipal

Corporation of Greater Mumbai ...Acquiring Body

Mr. P.G. Lad, a/w Adv. Sunil Khandagale, i/by Adv. Komal
Punjabi for Acquiring Body-BMC.

Adv. Sanjay Maji, i/by DM Legal Associates for the Claimants
Nos.3 to 7.

Ms. Gauri Sawant, AGP for State.

CORAM : Kamal Khata, J.
DATED : 14th August 2025.

P.C.:-

1. The Claimant requests for appointment of Court
Commissioner to conduct the cross-examination of Mr.
Ravindra Bomble, Deputy Collector, Special Land Acquisition
No.7, Mumbai.

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2. By mutual consent, Adv. Hamza Lakhani is appointed as a Court Commissioner to record evidence.

3. The details of Commissioner is as follows:-

Name : Adv. Hamza Lakhani

Address : Chambers of Adv. Shanay Shah

4th Floor, Surya Mahal, B. Bharucha Marg,

Kala Ghoda, Fort, Mumbai 400 001.

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(a) The Commissioner shall note demeanor of the witnesses in accordance with Order XVIII Rule 4(4) of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

(b) All cross-examination shall be conducted and recorded strictly in question-and-answer format.

(c) The Commissioner shall have the discretion to direct video recording of the cross-examination, in whole or in part, for the Court's reference. Should that be done, the original audio-visual recording shall be submitted along with Commissioner's Report to the Registry.

(d) Re-examination, if any, will be conducted in court.

(e) The costs of the commission shall be borne equally by the parties.

(f) The parties shall pay cost of Rs.500/- per hearing to the Court Clerk attending the Commission with Court papers. This is to compensate for duties performed beyond regular working hours.

(g) The Commissioner shall not permit adjournments on pre-fixed dates, except whereby absolutely unavoidable. Mere inconvenience or unavailability of counsel shall not be considered sufficient ground.

4. In the meantime, the parties are directed to approach the High Court Mediation Center. The High Court Mediation Center is requested to attempt resolving this issue preferably within a period of two weeks from the date of uploading the Order on the website of the Bombay High Court.

(Kamal Khata, J.)