

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 & Mumbai Suburban District ... Applicant
and
KU Ramchandani and others ... Claimants
Vs.
Commissioner, Municipal Corporation of
Greater Mumbai ... Acquiring Body

WITH
LAND ACQUISITION REFERENCE NO.4 OF 2016

Mr. Adil Parasurampuriah a/w. Ms. Bijal Gandhi and Twyla Lobo i/b. D. M. Legal Associates for Claimant Nos.3 to 7 in LAR/2/2015.

Mr. Sarthak Solaskar i/b. Vinod Mistry & Co. for Claimants in LAR/4/2016.

Mr. P. G. Lad a/w. Mr. Murlidharan Kalathil and Ms. Anjali Maskar for MCGM (Acquiring Body) in LAR/2/2015 and LAR/4/2016.

Ms. Gauri Sawant, AGP for Respondent-State in LAR/2/2015.

Mr. Suraj Gupte, AGP for Respondent-State in LAR/4/2016.

CORAM : MANISH PITALE, J.
DATE : NOVEMBER 13, 2025

P.C. :

1. On 25.09.2025, this Court had permitted an additional affidavit of evidence to be filed along with affidavit of documents and compilation of documents by the Special Land Acquisition Officer (SLAO) within a period of two weeks from the date of the order. Ancillary directions were also issued so as to ensure that the affidavits were on record and cross-examination also was to be completed within a period of eight weeks from the date of the order.

2. Today, when the reference is taken up for consideration, the learned AGP seeks further time to comply with the directions issued in the order dated 25.09.2025. This is vehemently opposed by the learned counsel for the claimants, who submits that this reference was ready for

final hearing and at that stage, such a direction was sought on behalf of the SLAO.

3. Since this Court has already permitted the SLAO to file the additional affidavit of evidence along with documents, it would be in the interest of justice that one last chance is granted to the SLAO to comply with the order dated 25.09.2025. In that light, extension of time is granted till 27.11.2025 for the SLAO to comply with the order dated 25.09.2025 to place on record the additional affidavit of evidence, affidavit of documents and compilation of documents. Accordingly, the other timelines indicated in paragraphs 4 and 5 of the order dated 25.09.2025 shall operate. No further time shall be granted.

4. List Land Acquisition Reference (LAR) No.2 of 2015 for further consideration on 09.01.2026.

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5. In this LAR, the learned counsel appearing for the claimant submits that, time may be granted as certified copies of original documents have now been received.

6. In that light, claimant is granted time of three weeks to place on record an affidavit in lieu of evidence, affidavit of documents and compilation of documents before this Court. The same shall be served upon the learned counsel appearing for the acquiring body and the SLAO in advance.

7. List LAR No.4 of 2016 under the caption 'for directions' on 11.12.2025.

(MANISH PITALE, J.)