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

INTERIM APPLICATION (L) NO.33467 OF 2024

IN

LAND ACQUISITION REFERENCE NO.4 OF 2014

New Riviera CHS Ltd. & Ors.

...Applicants/
Petitioners

v/s.

The Special Land Acquisition Officer,
MHADA & Ors.

...Respondents

Mr. Y.S. Bhatthe, a/w Mr. Y.R. Mishra and Adv. A.R. Varma for
the Acquiring Body.

Adv. Shriram Kulkarni, i/by Adv. Sonia Miskin for Respondent
No.1.

Mr. Vasant Dhawan for Respondent Nos.2(a) and 2(b).

Mr. Akshay Patkar, AGP for State.

CORAM : Kamal Khata, J.

DATED : 18th September 2025.

P.C.:-

1. Learned Advocate for the Claimant submits that the
contesting opponents' namely the Advocates for the
Government of India, the State Government and Respondent
Nos.2(a) to 2(b) must furnish a list of witnesses they propose

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to examine on the next date. The Advocates are directed to furnish their list of witnesses.

2. Learned Advocate for the Acquiring Body assures this Court that he shall complete the cross-examination in the next two sessions and, in any event, on or before 24th September, 2025.

3. Learned Advocate for the State Government, on instructions, states that he desires to cross-examine the witness. He must do so after the Acquiring Body's cross-examination is concluded.

4. On the objection raised by the Claimant's Advocate, the Learned Advocate for Respondent Nos.2(a) and 2(b) shall address the Court on their locus to cross-examine the Claimant witness, given that they are lessees who defaulted in payment of tax, resulting in the land and structures being auctioned and duly purchased by the Claimant.

5. I find merit in the contention of the Claimant's Advocate. Accordingly, the Advocate for Respondent Nos.2(a) and 2(b) shall satisfy this Court about their entitlement to cross examine.

6. List the matter on 25th September, 2025 for directions.

(Kamal Khata, J.)