

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION (L) NO. 37057 OF 2025

Laxman Ramchandra Thali and 45 .. Petitioners
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V/S.

The State of Maharashtra, at the .. Respondent
Instance of The City survey Officer

Ms. Prachi Shukla i/by V.K. Dubey, for Petitioners.

Ms. Usha R., AGP, for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2/State

**CORAM : MANISH PITALE &
SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, JJ.**

DATE : 17TH APRIL 2026.

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1. We had listed this petition under the caption for dismissal today in the light of the fact that there was no appearance on behalf of the petitioners on the earlier date.
2. Today, when the petition is called out for consideration, on a perusal of the petition and the documents filed therewith, we find that the petitioners have not been able to state with clarity as to their rights in the subject properties. Copies of the certain proceedings pertaining to acquisition of land have been placed on record. These documents show that land acquisition proceedings were initiated as far back as in the year 1970, which culminated in land acquisition awards in 1983.
3. It appears that acquisition was undertaken for respondent Nos. 3

and 4. It is not clear as to on what basis the petitioners at this stage are claiming that they are in possession of the properties. They are relying on the names of their grandparents being recorded in some of the documents.

4. Prima facie it appears to be another case of individuals knocking the doors of the writ Court after more than 50 years to claim rights in lands that have been already acquired and handed over to the acquiring bodies.

5. The learned AGP appearing on behalf of respondent Nos.1 and 2, submits, on instructions, that the owners of the lands were paid compensation and the amount of compensation payable to the occupiers had to be deposited in the civil Court. In that light it is submitted that the petitioners may have to agitate their grievances before the competent civil Court.

6. We are not inclined to issue notice in the present petition in the light of the aforesaid observations. Instead, it would be appropriate that a short affidavit is filed on behalf of the respondent no.2 i.e., Collector, Raigad to place the correct facts on record.

7. The affidavit shall be filed within four weeks from today.

8. List the petition for further consideration on 15th June 2026, 'High on Board'.

(SHREERAM V. SHIRSAT, J.)

(MANISH PITALE, J.)