



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

WRIT PETITION NO. 1832 OF 2026

Purushottam Prabhakar Neval And Others
VERSUS
The State Of Maharashtra And Others

Mr. R. G. Narwade h/f Mr. S. E. Shekade, Advocate for petitioners
Mr. S. B. Narwade, AGP for respondent Nos. 1 to 3

**CORAM : Smt. Vibha Kankanwadi &
Hiten S. Venegavkar, JJ.**

DATE : 24th March, 2026

PER COURT :-

1. Present petition has been filed for directions to the respondents to pay amount of interest payable under Section 80 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (for short "**the Act**") as per the representation of the petitioner dated 01.12.2025.

2. The petitioners have come with a case that their lands have been acquired in the year, 2004; however, the final award has been passed in view of the Act on 11.03.2025 as per the representation. One group of petitioners have given the calculation of interest under Section 80 of the Act to the tune of Rs. 1,11,82,059/- and another petitioner has calculated it to Rs. 76,01,901/-.

3. Learned AGP waives notice for respondent Nos. 1 to 3 and places on record a photocopy of the letter by respondent No. 3 to him of today's date, wherein it is stated that as per the award, amount of Rs. 35,75,986/- has been disbursed to the petitioners. The said letter is taken on record by marking Exhibit 'X', and then it is stated that it would take atleast two months to calculate and pay the amount under Section 80 of the Act.

4. This is also another classic example though the acquisition was made in the year, 2004, the award has been ultimately passed on 11.03.2025. Certainly the respondents will have to be explain the delay in the matter, but the fact remain is that when the possession was already taken way back in the year 2004-2005, the compensation ought to have been paid as per the schedule in the Act. Mere payment of compensation after about 20 years will not be sufficient, and therefore, taking into consideration the calculations those have been submitted in the representation taking as a base, at this stage, we direct the respondent Nos. 1 to 3 to deposit an amount of Rs. 50,00,000/- within a period of two weeks from today. Failure on the part of the authorities would be seriously viewed. Disbursement of the amount would then be subject to the further orders, those would be passed.

5. There shall be affidavit-in-reply to be filed on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 3 on or before 24.04.2026. Copy of the same be given to other side, in advance.

6. Notice of respondent No. 4 is made returnable on 05.05.2026.

(Hiten S. Venegavkar, J.)

(Smt. Vibha Kankanwadi, J.)

B. S. Joshi