

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

919 WRIT PETITION NO. 2971 OF 2026

Laxman Lasu Rathod And Another

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra Through The Secretary And Others

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Ms. Renuka S. Karande h/for Mr. P. B. Patil, Advocate for the Petitioners
Mr. S. B. Pulkundwar, AGP for Respondents State

CORAM : SMT. VIBHA KANKANWADI AND
NEERAJ P. DHOTE, JJ.

Dated : 16th April, 2026

PER COURT :-

1. The present petitioners seek reliefs against Respondent No. 1 to make payment of amount of compensation as per the Award dated 12.08.2025 passed under the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.
2. Heard Ms. Renuka S. Karande h/for Mr. P. B. Patil for the petitioners.
3. Learned AGP waives notice on behalf of Respondent Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 and places on record, a copy of the communication dated 20.01.2026 by Respondent No.5 to Respondent No.2, thereby asking Respondent no.2 to make available the amount of Rs.30,59,703/- under Section 11 of the Act of 2013. The said letter is taken on record by marking Exhibit 'X'.
4. It will not be out of place to mention here that, in the series of matters, we have found that the State Government undertakes the act

of acquisition of land, may be at the behest of Acquiring Bodies, but without getting funds, proceeds further and awards are without getting amount from the Acquiring Bodies. Even after the award is passed, no efforts are being taken to get the amount as early as possible.

5. Here in this case, the award has been passed on 12.08.2025. As per the pleadings, the land Gat No.41 of Shambhusagargaon Shivar, Tq. & Dist. Jalna, owned by the petitioner, to the extent of 2 H 50 R, was taken in possession on 30.08.2009 for Percolation Tank No.11 of village Shambhusavargaon Tq. & Dist. Jalna. After lapse of 11 years, it appears that the respondents had forwarded a proposal for acquisition of land of the petitioners on 17.03.2022. The Percolation Tank appears to have been constructed way back but the petitioners have not been paid compensation till today. This is pathetic state of affair which the Government is doing when it comes to acquisition of land. Therefore, by way of an interim order, we direct Respondent No.2- Collector, Jalna to deposit an amount of Rs.30,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs only) in this Court on or before 06.05.2026. Failure would invite the action under the Contempt of Courts Act.

6. Notice of Respondent No.2 is made returnable on 06.05.2026.

(NEERAJ P DHOTE, J.)

(SMT. VIBHA KANKANWADI J.)