



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

WRIT PETITION NO. 2410 OF 2026

Rakesh s/o Ramaji Bhoyar
Vs.

State of Maharashtra, Thru. Its Secretary, Forest and Revenue Department, Mantralaya,
Mumbai and Ors.

Office notes, Office Memoranda of
Coram, appearances, Court's orders
or directions and Registrar's orders.

Court's or Judge's Orders.

Mr. C.S. Kaptan, Senior Counsel a/by Mr. P.K. Mohta,
Advocate for petitioner.
Ms. Sonia Thakur, AGP for respondent Nos.1, 2, 4 to 7 & 9 to
11.

CORAM : PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR, J.

DATE : 24.03.2026

Heard learned Senior Counsel for the
petitioner.

2. It is submitted that the impugned orders are passed by the authorities thereby cancelling the allotment of land in favour of the petitioner, who fall in the category of 'Other traditional forest dwellers', without sufficient notice and opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. It is also submitted that the land was allotted by the District Level Committee and without any powers of review, the said allotment is now sought to be cancelled.

3. In view of this, issue notice to the respondents, returnable after four weeks.
4. Learned AGP waives service of notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1, 2, 4 to 7 & 9 to 11/State.
5. The petitioner is permitted to serve the remaining respondents by private mode, in addition to regular mode of service and file affidavit of service in that regard by next date.
6. Since a *prima facie* case is made out, in the meantime, the possession of the petitioner over the land in question shall not be disturbed.

(Prafulla S. Khubalkar, J.)