



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

Writ Petition No.2203 of 2018

Sudhakar Bisanji Khanorkar

vs.

*The State of Maharashtra, through its Secretary, Town Planning Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai and others*

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

Court's or Judge's Orders

Mr. H.R. Gadhia, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. A.J. Gohokar, AG.P. for Respondent Nos.1, 2 & 4.

Mr. S.M. Puranik, Advocate for Respondent Nos.3 & 5.

CORAM : ANIL L. PANSARE & NIVEDITA P. MEHTA, JJ.

DATE : 24th MARCH, 2026.

The learned Counsel for the petitioner seeks leave to add the Nagpur Metropolitan Region Development Authority (NMRDA) as party-respondent No. 6. According to him, the land in question is situated at Mouza Navegaon, Tahsil Nagpur (Rural), which falls within the jurisdiction of NMRDA.

02. The learned Counsel for respondent Nos. 3 and 5 has no objection.

03. In view thereof, the petitioner is permitted to add NMRDA as party-respondent No. 6. The amendment shall be carried out forthwith.

04. Issue notice to respondent No. 6.

05. Mr. S.M. Puranik, learned Counsel, waives service of notice on behalf of the newly added respondent No. 6.

06. On 9th March, 2026, the following order was passed:

“The learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the land under question is excluded from the Mines and Quarries Zone vide notification dated 21/02/2019, which is a final development plan of the Nagpur Metropolitan Region Development Authority.

02. *The argument is that, since it is excluded, the layout plan submitted by the petitioner, which got tentative approval, can be processed for final approval.*

03. *The learned Counsel for respondent Nos.3 and 5 seeks time to take instructions.*

04. *List the matter on 24th March, 2026.”*

07. In response, the learned Counsel for respondent Nos. 3, 5 and 6 submits, on instructions, that the land under question has not yet been excluded from the Mines and Quarries Zone. According to him, a proposal was forwarded to the State Government, and the State Government has taken a decision to retain the status, meaning thereby, the land under question is not excluded from the Mines and Quarries Zone. He seeks time to place on record the relevant documents.

08. Time, as sought, is granted.

09. An additional affidavit to that effect shall be filed by 1st April, 2026.

10. List the matter in the week commencing from 6th April, 2026.

(Nivedita P. Mehta, J.)

(Anil L. Pansare, J.)

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