



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

WRIT PETITION NO. 3269 OF 2026

Suryakanta Gangadhar Gade

Vs.

State of Maharashtra, Thr. Secretary, Department
of Revenue, Mumbai and others

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's Orders.

Court's or Judge's orders.

Mr. M. G. Bhangade, Senior Advocate a/b Mr. A. G. Baheti, Advocate for
the Petitioner.

Mr. N.S. Rao, AGP, for the Respondents/State.

CORAM : ANIL S. KILOR AND RAJ D. WAKODE, JJ.

DATE : 21st APRIL, 2026.

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.
2. The contention is that the respondents on 21st July 2025 issued notification under Section 11 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 2013") proposing the acquisition of the petitioner's land bearing Gat No.119.
3. In view of the aforesaid notification, the petitioner immediately on 4th August 2025 submitted a detailed objections to the aforesaid notification, pointing out availability of the alternative Government lands and requesting a personal hearing as required under the law.
4. Shri Bhangade, learned Senior Advocate submits that the respondents without deciding the aforesaid objection, much less

granting any opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, went on to issue the declaration under Section 19 of the Act of 2013 on 7th November 2025.

5. The petitioner again submitted a representation on 22nd December 2025 pointing out the aforesaid non-compliance of the statutory provisions of the Act of 2013. The respondents again ignored the aforesaid representation, went on to publish the public notice under Section 21(1) of the Act of 2013. Hence, the petitioner approached to this Court.

6. In view of the above, issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 5th May 2026.

7. Mr. N. S. Rao, learned AGP waives service of notice on behalf of all the respondents.

8. At this stage, Shri Bhangade, learned Senior Advocate prays for grant of interim relief. However, in view of the aforesaid reasons, the respondent authorities are called upon to submit their reply or produce the relevant record regarding the present case of the petitioner on or before 5th May 2026, pointing out the compliance of the statutory provisions, if any made by them by the returnable date. If no such reply is filed by 5th May 2026, this Court will consider the aforesaid request of grant of interim relief by the petitioner.

(RAJ D. WAKODE, J.)

(ANIL S. KILOR, J.)