



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

**WRIT PETITION NO. 2679 of 2017**

[Prabhudas S. Bhirad and others **vs.** State of Maharashtra and ors.]  
**with**

**WRIT PETITION NO. 4617 of 2017**

[Smt. Sumantai R. Mitkari and ors. **vs.** State of Maharashtra and ors.]  
**with**

**WRIT PETITION NO. 4357 of 2017**

[Manikappa H. Molke and ors. **vs.** State of Maharashtra and ors.]

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Office Notes, Office Memoranda  
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or directions and Registrar's orders.

Court's or Judge's orders

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Mr. Anil S. Mardikar, Senior Advocate assisted by Mr. Kunal Pande, Advocate for the petitioners in WP 2679 & 4357 of 2017  
Mr. A. C. Dharmadhikari, Advocate for the petitioners in WP 4617/2017  
Mr. K. R. Lule, AGP for the State/respondent nos. 1 to 3 in WP 2679 & 4357 of 2017 and for respondent nos. 1 and 2 in WP 4617/2017

**CORAM :** **ANIL L. PANSARE AND**  
**NIVEDITA P. MEHTA, JJ.**

**DATE :** **09-02-2026.**

After having heard for some time, it appears that the Government has returned back acquired lands to some of land owners, the same having been not utilized for the project. The petitioners' lands were, however, not given back on account of the policy decision taken by the Government of Maharashtra in the year 2004. The argument is that when similarly situated owners received their lands back, change in policy cannot be applied to deny the benefit to the petitioners.

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Learned Assistant Government Pleader seeks time to take instructions.

List in the week commencing from 23-2-2026.

Interim relief to continue till then.

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