

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.10139 OF 2019**

Maruti Dnyandev Maskar & Ors.Petitioners

Vs.

The Secretary,
Ministry of Environment and Forest
and Climate Change,
Central Government of India & Ors.Respondents

Mr. Abdul Shaikh with Mr. Irfan Shaikh, i/b. Mr. Huma Shaikh, for
the Petitioners.

Mr. Vijay Killedar, Advocate for the Respondent No.1.

Mr. Atul P. Vanarase, AGP, for the Respondents-State.

CORAM: ANIL L. PANSARE,

RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, JJ.

DATED: 15th APRIL 2026

PC.:-

1. Heard.
2. It appears from the previous orders and the record placed before us that on 17th July 2025, the State Government has taken a decision, as a special case, to relocate the residents of village Kasani, Taluka Patan, District Satara, which comprises eight hamlets (*wadies*) having population, 1500 as on 23rd December 2021.
3. Thus, it is evident that the State Government has taken a

decision to relocate these villagers. If this decision is taken in July 2025, we find no reason why this decision is not implemented till today.

4. As such on 26th February 2026, in this context, the following order was passed:

“1. Learned AGP shall take instructions from Respondent Nos.2 and 9 and get the time-frame within which they are intending relocate the Petitioner. Stand over to 5th march 2026, as a last chance.

2. In the meanwhile, Petitioner shall correct the pagination.”

5. Thus, the State Government was given a last chance to place before us the time frame, within which they intend to relocate the villagers, the time frame is not yet fixed. This approach is deprecable. Once the decision is taken to relocate the villagers, there is no reason why should the State Government put life of villagers at stake.

6. We expect from the State Government to look into the issue involved, considering its seriousness, and place before us on the next date the details of all the intervening stages, including the final stage, alongwith the dates of relocating these villagers.

7. If the decision making process involves co-ordination of the Departments belonging to Central Government and State Government, we expect both to sit together, so as to fix the time frame.

8. List on **20th April 2026.**

(RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, J.)

(ANIL L. PANSARE, J.)

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