

ITEM NO.32

COURT NO.2

SECTION PIL-W

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SUO MOTO WRIT PETITION(CIVIL) No(s). 5/2024

IN RE: HERITAGE BUILDING OF THE
BOMBAY HIGH COURT AND ALLOTMENT
OF ADDITIONAL LANDS FOR THE HIGH COURT

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 4296/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. AND IA No. 4295/2025
- EXTENSION OF TIME)

Date : 09-04-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.R. GAVAI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :

For Respondent(s) :

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Mr. Nishant Sharma, Adv.
Mr. Ankur S. Savadikar, Adv.
Mr. Viraj M. Parakh, Adv.

Mr. Prakash D. Naik, Sr. Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. We have heard Mr. Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General of India, Dr. Birendra Saraf, Advocate General appearing for the State of Maharashtra, Mr. Prakash D. Naik, learned senior counsel appearing for the Advocates Association of Western India, Mr. Nitin G. Takker, learned senior counsel appearing for the Bombay Bar Association and Mr. Sandeep Deshmukh, learned counsel appearing for the Bombay High Court.

2. Dr. Saraf, learned Advocate General informed this Court that out of an area of 4.09 acres, the possession of which has to be handed over for the construction of the High Court building, an area of 1.94 acres has already been handed over. He submits that insofar as the remaining area of 2.15 acres is concerned, since there are large number of slums existing thereon, efforts are being taken by the Slums Rehabilitation Authority for eviction. He submits that by April, 2025 end, the State would be in a position to handover the vacant possession of the said land also, for the construction of the High Court building.

3. We place on record our appreciation for the efforts put in by the State of Maharashtra in expediting handover of the

land.

4. It is further informed that 21 civil writ petitions/PILs are pending before the Bombay High Court with respect to the subject land.

5. We, therefore, request the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court to assign all the matters which are already pending with regard to the subject land and which may be filed in future to one and the same Bench, so that they can be heard and decided expeditiously.

6. We, further, direct that except the High Court, no other Court or Tribunal, at any stage, shall entertain any proceedings with regard to any issue pertaining to the subject land which is earmarked for construction of the High Court building.

7. In the event, any of the proceedings are pending before any Court or Tribunal, the same are directed to be transferred to the Bombay High Court.

8. List on 21.07.2025.

(DEEPAK SINGH)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANJU KAPOOR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR