

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

SMW (c) No(s). 5/2024

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

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

Date : 16-01-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.R. GAVAI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. VINOD CHANDRAN

By Courts Motion

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Mr. Ankur S. Savadikar, Adv.

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

1. We have heard Shri Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General of

India, Shri Birendra Sharaf, learned Advocate General for the State of Maharashtra, Shri Prakash D. Naik, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Advocates Association of Western India (AAWI), Shri Shyam Mehta, learned senior counsel appearing for the Bombay Bar Association and the learned Registrar General of the High Court of Bombay.

2. A brief note containing a chart has been handed over in the Court today on behalf of the State of Maharashtra, which depicts the status of the progress of handing over of the land in phased manner. Insofar as the first phase is concerned an area of 4.39 acres has already been handed over to the High Court in the month of October, 2024. Insofar as the remaining area of 5.25 acres is concerned, the possession thereof was to be handed over by 31.12.2024, however the learned Advocate General states that on account of certain difficulties the same could not be handed over till date and it will now be done by the end of January, 2025.

3. Learned Advocate General further informs that the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the building was already done on Monday the 23rd September, 2024. It is submitted that the tender has been floated for appointment of Project Management Consultant and the State is earnestly making an attempt to complete the building in a time-bound manner.

4. Learned Advocate General further informs us that the learned Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay has also convened a meeting today in the evening for considering and reviewing the progress of the project.

5. We appreciate the proactive role played by the State to ensure that the construction of the building starts at the earliest and an attempt to complete the same in a time-bound manner. We also place on record our appreciation for the assistance rendered by learned Solicitor General of India and learned Advocate General for the State of Maharashtra.

6. List in the month of April, 2025.

I.A. NOS.4295/2025 & 4296/2025

1. Learned counsel appearing for the applicant seeks permission to withdraw these applications.
2. Permission is granted.
3. The applications are, accordingly, disposed of as withdrawn.

**(NARENDRA PRASAD)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR**

**(ANJU KAPOOR)
COURT MASTER**

Encl: A copy of the brief note, as above.