

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

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

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

Date : 24-10-2024 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.R. GAVAI  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA

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

- 1 Dr Birendra Saraf, Advocate General of Maharashtra, has apprised the Court of the status of the building project.
- 2 From the submissions before the Court, the following position emerges:

- (i) The next tranche of the land is to be made available for the purpose of construction of the building for the High Court in December 2024 and the time schedule would be maintained by the State Government;
  - (ii) Expressions of interest have been furnished by the architects and a PMC would be appointed in a reasonable time frame;
  - (iii) Regular meetings have been convened by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay and the next meeting for monitoring of the progress is to take place on 12-13 November 2024;
  - (iv) As of now, possession of the Air India building has not been received by the State Government and hence deliberation on the proposal for the Mediation Centre awaits that process; and
  - (v) As regards the PWD building within the precinct of the High Court, the structural report which has been called from the Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute would be implemented.
- 3 Since the ongoing work of construction is being monitored by a Committee of the High Court, we stand over the proceedings to 16 January 2025.
- 4 An updated status report shall be submitted to this Court on the next date of listing.

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