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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).23743/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 06-03-2026 in PIL No.63/2024 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay]

PRASHANT JAYANT RAUL & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE PIMPRI-CHINCHWAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION & ORS. Respondent(s)

IA No. 198247/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 199227/2026
- PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 21-07-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

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For Respondent(s) :

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

1. The controversy pertains to a parcel of land to which the petitioners seek their access on the assumption that it may be treated as a public park. The record reveals that the land was given to Maharashtra Metro Corporation for compulsory afforestation. It is also an admitted fact that subsequently the land has been handed over to the Election Commission of India (ECI) for the storage of Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) Godown and Regional Training Centre and also for storage of Electronic Voter Machine Ballot Boxes.

2. In our considered opinion, no *mandamus* can be issued to get the plot vacated from ECI and to then declare it as a public park, to provide access to the petitioners. The appropriate recourse for the petitioners would be to approach the ECI and seek limited access to the subject land for recreational purposes without compromising the security and safety of the godown.

3. We have no reason to doubt that the ECI will consider the representation sympathetically in consultation with the Municipal Authorities.

4. The Special Leave Petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

5. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

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ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
DY. REGISTRAR