

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 603/2016.

Ravindra Narayan Hatghare (In Jail)

-VERSUS-

The State of Maharashtra and others

Office notes, Office Memoranda of
Coram, appearances, Court's orders
or directions and Registrar's orders.

Court's or Judge's Orders

**CORAM : B.P. DHARMADHIKARI &
KUM. INDIRA JAIN, JJ.**

DATE : NOVEMBER 28, 2016.

Heard Mrs. A.A. Ghonge, learned counsel
[appointed] for the petitioner and Shri J. Ghurde,
learned A.P.P. for respondents. Perused reply.

2. Reply shows that the petitioner has been
categorized and placed in Category 3[d] of the
directions dated 11.05.1992. Thus, he has to put in
26 years in prison.

3. Learned A.P.P. submits that this
categorization by the respondent nos.2 and 3 is yet to
be finally approved by the respondent no.1 - State

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Government.

4. Grievance of learned counsel [appointed] for the petitioner is at a young age of 20 years, he was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. His categorization therefore, ought to have been done immediately and he has been made to suffer unnecessarily. We keep the said contention open.

5. In this situation, we direct the respondent no.1 to take final decision on the categorization of petitioner within a period of three months from the date of communication of this order to it.

6. Criminal Writ Petition is, thus, partly allowed and disposed of. No costs.

7. Fees payable to the learned counsel [appointed] for the petitioner is quantified at Rs.1500/-.

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