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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION No. 37 OF 2013
WITH
CRIMINAL APPLICATION No. 2 OF 2015

Jagannath Malhari Waghmare & Ors.	...	Petitioners
Vs.		
The Collector, Raigad & Ors.	...	Respondents
And		
Jagannath Malhari Waghmare	...	Applicant (in APPI. 2/2015)

WITH
WRIT PETITION No. 3816 OF 2012

Santosh Krishna Jadhav & Ors.	...	Petitioners
Vs.		
The State of Maharashtra & Ors.	...	Respondents

WITH
WRIT PETITION No. 4448 OF 2015

Rasika Ramesh Mandavkar	...	Petitioner
Vs.		
The State of Maharashtra & Ors.	...	Respondents

Ms. Gayatri Singh, Sr. Counsel a/w Anushka Sundarsan and Kranti L. C., for the Applicant / Petitioner.

Mr. J. P. Yagnik, APP for the Respondent – State.

CORAM : V. M. KANADE, &
C. V. BHADANG, JJ.

DATE : APRIL 11, 2017

PC.

1. We are informed by the learned APP appearing on behalf of the Respondent – State that charge-sheets have been filed in all the complaints in respect of all FIRs filed against the accused.

2. Learned senior counsel Ms. Gayatri Singh appearing on behalf of the Applicant / original Petitioners submits that the accused have considerable clout in the area where trial is to be held. She therefore, submitted that all criminal cases against them may be transferred to Alibag Court. Looking at the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, we are of the view that in the interest of justice it would be appropriate if the matters which are pending in the Court of J.M.F.C. Murud against the accused are transferred to the Court at Alibag and these matters may be heard by the J.M.F.C., station at Alibag. Trial may be completed as expeditiously as possible, and in any case within a period of two years. With these directions PIL, as also both the petitions, viz. Writ Petition Nos. 3816/2012 and 4448/2015 are disposed of.

3. In view of disposal of the PIL, Criminal Application No. 2/2015 filed therein does not survive and is accordingly disposed of.

Sd/-
[C. V. BHADANG, J.]

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[V. M. KANADE, J.]

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