

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 1018 OF 2020
IN
WRIT PETITION NO. 1732 OF 2016**

Mr. Gaurav Pramod Bhandari ...Petitioner/
Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & anr. ...Respondents

Mr. Shantanu Phanse, i/b C. A.Acharya, for the Applicant/
Petitioner.

Mrs. S. D. Shinde, APP for the State/Respondent.

**CORAM: S. S. SHINDE &
N. J. JAMADAR, JJ**

**DATED: 3rd JULY, 2021
(Through V.C.)**

PC:-

1. Heard Mr. Phanse, the learned Counsel for the petitioner and Mrs. Shinde, the learned APP for the State.
2. The Senior P. I., Manikpur Police Station has filed a report in terms of the order passed by this Court.
3. It is reported that respondent no.2 is not available at the address furnished in the petition. Respondent no.2 has reportedly sold the house prior to two years and her whereabouts are not known to the persons in the vicinity. Despite diligent search, the respondent no.2 could not be traced.
4. In view of the aforesaid report, the prayer of the

petitioner to serve respondent no.2 by way of substituted service in the nature of paper publication appears justifiable.

5. Hence the following order:

: ORDER :

- (i) The application stands allowed in terms of prayer Clause (a).
- (ii) Notice of this petition be published in one national and one local newspaper.
- (iii) The petitioner shall file the copies of the paper publication alongwith an affidavit of service.
- (iv) Application stands disposed of.

6. Writ petition be listed on 31st August, 2021.

[N. J. JAMADAR, J.]

[S. S. SHINDE, J.]