

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.1650 OF 2023

Anand Rathi Global Finance Limited Petitioner
versus
The State of Maharashtra Respondents
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- Mr. Rohit Verekar, Advocate for Petitioner.
- Mr. A. R. Patil, APP for the State/Respondent.

CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 23rd AUGUST, 2023

P.C. :

1. In this Writ Petition, the Petitioner has prayed for directions to the Metropolitan Magistrate, 47th Court, Esplanade, Mumbai, to hear and dispose of the application bearing No.Misc./3659/2022 for return of property. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the said application is pending since 2022 and so far even the reply is not filed by the investigating agency.

2. Learned APP on instructions of the Investigating officer makes a statement that the reply to the said application would

be filed within a period of two weeks from today. The statement is recorded. He further submitted that he has no objection if the directions are issued for expeditious disposal of the said application.

3. Considering these submissions, following order is passed:

ORDER

- (i) The investigating agency is directed to file their reply to the application bearing No. Misc./3659/2022 pending before the Metropolitan Magistrate, 47th Court, Esplanade, Mumbai, within a period of two weeks from today.
- (ii) Learned Magistrate is requested to decide the said application within a period of 8 weeks from today.
- (iii) With these observations, the Petition is disposed of.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)