

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

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.2226 OF 2023

Poonam Sanket Sonawane
@ Poonam Anil More

.... Petitioner

versus

The State of Maharashtra

.... Respondents

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- Ms. Pramila Naik, Advocate for Petitioner.
- Ms. M. R. Tidke, APP for the State/Respondent.

CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 04th JULY, 2023

P.C. :

1. Leave to amend. Amendment to be carried out forthwith.
2. Learned counsel for the Petitioner has restricted her prayer for directions to the learned Magistrate to decide her application for interim relief at the earliest.
3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that her complaint under The Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 is pending since 2021 before the Judicial

Magistrate First Class, Thane. Even after two years, the Interim Application is not decided. The Interim Application is filed for interim maintenance. The Petitioner is facing hardships as she has no income at all and she is studying in college. Her limited prayer is for expeditious decision of her Interim Application. No parties can have objection if the matters are decided expeditiously. Therefore, I am inclined to grant relief to the Petitioner.

4. Hence, the following order :

ORDER

- (i) The Judicial Magistrate First Class, Thane, is directed to decide the Petitioner's application for interim maintenance at the earliest and as far as possible within a period of two months from today, after giving sufficient opportunity to the Respondents before him.
- (ii) With these directions, the Petition is disposed of.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)