



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 1238 OF 2022

**LAXMAN NAMDEO ISTAKE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS**

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Advocate for Petitioner : Mr. Pahilwan Gautam J.
A.P.P. for Respondent/State : Mr. G.A. Kulkarni

**CORAM : MANGESH S. PATIL &
SHAILESH P. BRAHME, JJ.**

DATE : 18.03.2024

PER COURT :

Heard both the sides.

2. The petitioner, who is the investor and a victim in Crime No. 729/2022, registered with Gangapur police station, subsequently transferred to Newasa police station, for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 120-B, 406 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code and under Section 3 of the Maharashtra Protection of Interest of Depositors (In Financial Establishments) Act, 1999 (M.P.I.D. Act), is before us seeking a direction to the respondent no. 2 to take appropriate steps in the light of Section 4 of the M.P.I.D. Act.

3. It is being pointed out that the petitioner has already filed a complaint/request purportedly under sub Section 1 of Section 4 of the M.P.I.D. Act on 18.12.2019 (Exh. C) in the office of the respondent no. 2-Collector, which was received by it on the same day.

4. The Criminal Writ Petition is disposed of by directing the respondent no. 2 to take into consideration the petitioner's complaint dated 18.12.2019

(Exh. C) and take appropriate steps in the light of Section 4 of the M.P.I.D. Act, as expeditiously as possible and in any case within four weeks. If the complaint is not traceable in the office of the respondent no. 2, Exh. C shall be treated as the complaint and it be processed.

(SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.)

(MANGESH S. PATIL, J.)

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