

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

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.4119 OF 2022

Lakhma Indya Choudhri

... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

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Mr.Satyajeet Rajeshirke, Appointed advocate for the Petitioner.

Mrs.P.P. Shinde, APP for the State/Respondents.

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***CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE AND
MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, JJ.***

DATE : 6th FEBRUARY 2024

P.C. :

After de-tagging the Criminal Writ Petition No.4116 of 2022, the aforesaid petition is taken up for hearing.

2 By this Petition, the petitioner seeks refund of the amount of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only), which was deposited by the petitioner when he was released on Covid bail.

3 It appears that the petitioner was released during Covid-19 Pandemic on Personal Bond (P.R.) of Rs.25,000/-(Rupees Twenty Five

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Thousand Only). It appears that since the petitioner reported late by one day, the said amount of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only), came to be forfeited.

4 We have perused the reasons for delay and in the peculiar facts find, that the one day delay in reporting late, has been satisfactorily explained by the petitioner.

5 Considering the aforesaid, the Superintendent of Nashik Road Central Prison, Nashik, to return the amount of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only), to the petitioner, as expeditiously as possible, and in any event, within four weeks from the date of receipt of this order.

6 The Writ Petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

7 Learned APP as well as the Registrar (Judaical-I) to communicate this order to the petitioner, through the Superintendent, Nashik Road Central Prison, Nashik, where the petitioner is lodged.

8 All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J.

REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.