

SHAGUFTA
QUTBUDDIN
PATHAN
Digitally signed
by SHAGUFTA
QUTBUDDIN
PATHAN
Date:
2024.11.22
14:28:24
+0530

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

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 1486 OF 2024

Md. Rahees Nawab Qureshi ... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ... Respondent

Mr. Sujit B. Shelar, Appointed Advocate for the Petitioner

Mrs. P. P. Shinde, A.P.P for the Respondent-State

**CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE &
PRITHVIRAJ K. CHAVAN, JJ.
THURSDAY, 21st NOVEMBER 2024**

P.C :

1 By this petition sent through jail, the petitioner seeks expeditious disposal of his trial, since he is in custody for about 8 years i.e. since 2016.

2 Learned A.P.P, on instructions, states that the trial has commenced, inasmuch as, 12 witnesses have been examined till date and around 3-5 witnesses are left to be examined.

3 Considering that the petitioner is in custody since 2016 and having regard to the right of an accused under Article 21 of the Constitution of India for an expeditious disposal of his trial, the petition is allowed and the petitioner's case being Sessions Case No. 343/2016 (C.R. No.16/2016 registered with the Malwani Police Station, Malad, Mumbai), is expedited.

4 Considering what is disclosed by the learned A.P.P that 12 witnesses have already been examined, we deem it appropriate to direct the learned Judge, before whom the case is pending, to conclude the same, as expeditiously as possible, and in any event, within four months from the date of receipt of this order.

5 Learned A.P.P to communicate the above order to the learned Judge before whom the case is pending, through the concerned Officer.

6 Registry to communicate the above order to the
learned Judge (C.R. No.15), City Civil Court, Dindoshi, Mumbai,
who is seized of the Sessions Case No. 343/2016, by Fax/e-mail/a
Special Messenger.

7 Petition is disposed of on the above terms.

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

PRITHVIRAJ K. CHAVAN, J.

REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.