

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

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 4496 OF 2024

Mohd. Belal Uddin & Ors. ..Petitioners
Versus
The State of Maharashtra & Anr. ..Respondents

**WITH
CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 5306 OF 2024**

Mohd. Laique Alam & Ors. ..Petitioners
Versus
The State of Maharashtra & Anr. ..Respondents

Mr. Vaibhav S. Kulkarni for Petitioners in both WPs.
Mr. S. V. Gavand, APP for State/Respondent in WP/4496/24.
Mr. B. V. Holambe Patil, APP for State/Respondent in WP/5306/24.
Mr. Amin Solkar, for the Respondent No.2 in both WPs.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL &
S. M. MODAK, JJ.**

DATE : 30 JANUARY 2025

PC :

1. Tag both these matters together.
2. Issue Notice to the Respondent No.2 in Criminal Writ Petition No.5306 of 2024. Mr. Amin Solkar, learned counsel waives service of notice on the Respondent No.2.

3. At the outset, learned counsel for both the contesting parties make a joint statement that the parties are willing to explore a possibility of settlement through mediation; by keeping their contentions open at this stage. The stand taken by both the learned counsel is very reasonable. Therefore, we are inclined to send the parties for mediation.

4. Learned APP, on instructions of the investigating officer, makes a statement that to enable the parties to participate in the mediation process smoothly, the investigating agency shall not take any coercive steps, at this stage.

5. Considering the statement made by learned APP and the stand taken by both the parties, following order is passed.

ORDER

- i) The parties, either personally or through their representatives, shall attend the mediation center of this Court on 10.02.2025, at 11:00a.m.
- ii) The officer in charge of the mediation center shall appoint a suitable Mediator from their panel to make an attempt to bring about the settlement

between the parties.

- iii) Till the next date before the Court, the statement made by learned APP that no coercive steps will be taken against the petitioner is accepted.
- iv) Stand over to 26.03.2025.
- v) All the contentions on merits are left open.

(S. M. MODAK, J.)

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)