

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.2086 OF 2025**

Salil DeshpandePetitioner

Versus

Shalaka Deshpande and Anr.Respondents

Ms. Megha V. Chandel a/w. Ms. Ankita Bamboli for the Petitioner.
Ms. Neha Sule i/b. Mahadik and Associates for Respondent No.1.
Ms. Rutuja Ambekar, APP for the State.

**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
M.M. SATHAYE, JJ.
DATE : 13th JUNE, 2025**

P.C. :-

1. The Petitioner is well aware of the whereabouts of his minor daughter. It is conceded that she is presently in the custody of the mother. The son is present in the Court and he is in the custody of the Petitioner.

2. The Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division - Family Part Middlesex County, United States of America, has recorded the consent of the couple in an order passed on 13th December, 2024. We are informed that the said Court has also granted a divorce to the parties, but, in the absence of the Respondent mother since she returned to India, on 6th March, 2025 and did not participate in the Court proceedings.

3. The mother presently has the custody of the minor daughter, notwithstanding the above orders wherein it was ordered by the aforesaid Court that both the children should be with the Petitioner father in USA. The Respondent mother has initiated proceedings in India for seeking custody of the child.

4. Both the parties desire to take instructions as regards whether the mother can accompany the Petitioner along with the minor daughter and whether co-parenting in USA could fructify.

5. List this Petition on 18th June, 2025 in the supplementary board.

(M.M. SATHAYE, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)