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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

VASANT
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CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.2537 OF 2025

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Haresh L. Bhalala

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra & Ors.

...Respondents

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Mr.Aayush Kedia with Ms.Yagni Sarvankar for the Petitioner.

Mr.S.V. Gavand, APP for the State – Respondent.

Mr.Sameer Ahirrao, PI, Crime Branch Unit -2 , Vasai MBVV
Police Commissionerate present in Court.

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**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE &
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, JJ.
DATE : 7TH JULY, 2025.**

P.C. :-

1. We have heard the learned APP and the learned Advocate for the Petitioner at length, on 03.07.2025 and today. We have also perused the orders dated 10.11.2022 and 08.12.2022, passed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in an earlier Criminal Writ Petition No.3893 of 2022.

2. *Ex-facie*, we are not satisfied with the submissions of the learned APP. There are several missing links in his theory supporting the purported case of suicidal death. A long sheet of cloth, resembling a bed sheet is termed as a bath towel to indicate that the deceased must have hung himself with the said towel.

3. Even in the earlier investigation prior to the transferring of the same to the Homicidal Investigation Unit of the Crime Branch of Mira-Bhayander Vasai-Virar Police Commissionerate, we had noted that the investigation had been done in a very - slipshod manner. Bones are found to be outside the trouser and the shirt. There is no satisfactory explanation as to how did the bones of a dead person travel out of the clothing that he had put on.

4. With whatever investigation that has been done earlier by the Mandavi Police Station, followed by the Homicidal Investigation Unit which was under the orders of this Court, does not fully justify the claim of the Investigating Authority that the deceased committed suicide. The Forensic Laboratory examination report dated 14.12.2022, is placed before us which is as vague as it

could be.

5. Before we form any opinion, we call upon the Homicidal Investigation Unit to submit a detailed report to this Court, on the basis of the investigation made. In fairness, after the report is received, we would call upon the learned Advocate for the Petitioner, who is the father of the deceased, to peruse the report and make further submissions. Let such report be tendered, as per the request of the learned APP, on or before 31.07.2025.

6. It is made clear that this case would be dealt with on priority keeping in view that the deceased is said to have passed away approximately between 25.08.2022 and 27.08.2022.

7. List this Petition on 04.08.2025, in the fresh admissions category.

(GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.) (RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)