

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 2787 OF 2025

Neelakantann Iyer & Ors.

... Petitioners

V/s.

State of Maharashtra & Anr.

...Respondents

Mr.Rizwan Merchant a/w. Mr.Jatin P. Karia (Shah), Ms.Snehankita M. Muni
for Petitioners.

Smt.Prajakta P. Shinde, A.P.P. for Respondent No. 1 – State.

Mr.Yash Badkur for Respondent No.2.

CORAM : A. S. GADKARI AND
RAJESH S. PATIL, JJ.
DATE : 23rd JULY, 2025

P.C.:-

1) On 13th June, 2025, Advocate Mr.Archit Jaykar had waived
notice on behalf of proposed Respondent No.2.

1.1) Record indicates that however till date, he has not filed his
Vakalatnama. Upon query on Advocate Mr. Yash Badkur, he submitted that
the Vakalatnama is already filed. When this Court called upon him to give
the stamp number or the lodging number of Vakalatnama, he expressed his
inability in doing so. It is thus apparent that, Advocate Mr. Yash Badkur is
appearing today without Vakalatnama on behalf of Respondent No.2. It be
noted here that, yesterday i.e. on 22nd July, 2025, Advocate Mr. Rehaan

Shaikh on behalf of Respondent No.2 mentioned the matter for a suitable and convenient date by raising a specious plea. The said request was reiterated today in the morning by the concerned Advocate, to which learned counsel Mr.Merchant had opposed. It is thus apparent that Advocate Mr.Yash Badkur without having Vakalatnama in his favour, has appeared before this Court and tried to persuade to get an adjournment of a suitable date as per his convenience. The practice adopted by Mr. Yash Badkur and Mr. Rehaan Shaikh is not appreciated.

2) At this stage Mr. Merchant, learned counsel appearing for Petitioners requested this Court put a quietus to the said issue.

2.1) At the request of Mr.Merchant, stand over to 30th July, 2025.

(RAJESH S. PATIL, J.)

(A.S. GADKARI, J.)