

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 3141 OF 2025

Shabnam Saipan Shaikh

...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

...Respondents

Ms. Yogita Chaubey a/w Ms. Shivani Kumari i/by Mr. Satish Mishra, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. J.P. Yagnik, APP for the Respondent – State.

CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE

&

GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, JJ.

DATE : 10th JULY, 2025

P.C. :-

1. The Petitioner claims to be the biological brother of a missing girl, who is said to be 15 years of age. Earlier, the same daughter of the Petitioner had gone missing and the Petitioner had registered a First Information Report (FIR) No.130 of 2025 on 11th February, 2025 with the Kopar Khairane Police Station, District Navi Mumbai. Subsequently, the girl was traced out while being in the company of a male friend.

2. However, the same girl has now gone missing for the second time. The Petitioner again lodged a complaint with the same Police Station on 8th April, 2025. In the said complaint, in Paragraph No.3 on the second page, the mother has stated that after the girl was traced out earlier on 14th March, 2025, she was taken to the Jijamata Hospital, Airoli, Navi Mumbai for a medical examination. Being 15 years of age, she refused to undergo a medical examination. The Police Station has now registered the FIR bearing no.337 of 2025, on 9th April, 2025. In the complaint dated 8th April, 2025, the mother has mentioned that the male friend of her daughter has declared that both are in love.

3. The learned APP submits, on instructions from the Investigating Officer (I.O.) that a lady I.O. of the Police Station is investigating the complaint under the supervision and guidance of a Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) of the Zone. The investigating team has visited the said boy at his village and it is reported that the missing girl is not in his company.

4. In the light of the above, we direct the I.O. to apprise the Court of the further investigation, once in each fortnight. All efforts shall be made to search out the girl. If required, the parents and relatives be interrogated. We would expect the investigating team to utilize all the resources available at it's disposal, as permissible in law, in order to trace out the girl.

5. For the present, we are listing this Petition on **25th July, 2025**, for noting the progress in the investigation.

6. We permit the learned APP to mention this matter if the girl is traced out.

(GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)