

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

Criminal Writ Petition No.4058 of 2025

Jaydeep Bharat Apte ... Petitioner
V/s.
State of Maharashtra ... Respondent.

Mr. Ganesh K. Sovani	Advocate for the Petitioner.
Mrs. Sangeeta D. Shinde	APP for the State.
Mr. Sandeep Khade	Malvan Police Station, Sindhudurg.

CORAM : S.M. MODAK, J

DATE : 30th July 2025.

P.C. :

Heard learned Advocate Sovani for the Petitioner-Accused No.1. He has applied for return of seized laptop and mobile handset, however, it was rejected by the learned Sessions Judge, Oros on 9th May 2025.

2. The prosecution claims that those electronic devices may contain some material to show the complicity of the Petitioner in the crime but submission is it can be assessed only after these devices will be examined by the forensic department.

3. Mr. Sovani made a submission that these devices contains a data relating to the other business dealings of the Petitioner and due

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to their seizure, he is handicap in continuing his business.

4. It is true that investigating agency has got right to seize devices which they find relevant. At the same time, the accused is also entitled to use the other material from those electronic devices. However, the officer present from that police station has not brought the papers because he is attending the Court in some other matters.

5. Let Learned APP to take instructions from the concerned police station and also to produce on record the last correspondence made with the Regional Forensic Science Laboratory, Kolhapur. Stand over to **14th August 2025.**

(S.M. MODAK, J.)