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

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 6407 OF 2025

Chaitanya Nandlal Parekh ...Petitioner

Versus

Jaydeep V. Thakker and anr. ...Respondents

AND

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 6412 OF 2025

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Mr. Veerdhawal Deshmukh, for the Petitioner.
Ms. Rashmi Tendulkar, APP for the State – Respondent No.1.

CORAM: N. J. JAMADAR, J.
DATED: 18th DECEMBER, 2025

PC:-

1. Heard the learned Counsel for the petitioner.
2. The challenge in these petitions is to an order dated 4th November, 2025, whereby the applications preferred by the petitioner to initiate action under Section 340 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, were rejected by the learned Additional Sessions Judge by imposing costs of Rs.5,000/-.
3. When the Court expressed its disinclination to entertain the petitions, the learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner be relieved of the liability to pay the costs.
4. Having regard to the fact that the petitioner appeared to have filed the applications for initiation of action under Section

340 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, under an incorrect yet *bona fide* impression about the conduct attributed to the respondents, the prayer for relieving the petitioner from the liability to pay the costs appears justifiable.

5. The petitions thus stand disposed with the modification that, the order of payment of costs stands set aside.

[N. J. JAMADAR, J.]