

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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 510 OF 2025**

Rajesh Dattatraya Salunke ...Appellant

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

**ALONGWITH  
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 525 OF 2025**

Virendra Narayan Wankhede ...Appellant

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra And Anr. ...Respondents

**ALONGWITH  
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO. 10698 OF 2025**

Samir Arjun Bhivsar ...Appellant

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra And Anr. ...Respondents

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| Mr. Bhushan Raut                                  | Advocate for the Appellants               |
| Mr. Ameya Abhay Pitale<br>h/f Mr. Harshad Inamdar | Advocate for the Respondent through<br>VC |
| Mr. H. J. Dedhia                                  | APP for the Respondent-State              |
| PSI Vishal Jadhav                                 | Sarkarwada Police Station, Nashik         |

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CORAM : S. M. MODAK, J.

DATE : 08<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

P.C. :-

1. Heard learned Advocate for the Appellants, learned Advocate for the first informant, and learned APP.
2. The provisions of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 were invoked at the subsequent stage. At an earlier stage, these Appellants-accused were protected from arrest by this Court. They were asked to co-operate with the Police. The issue is about execution of the documents in question by the first informant. He denies the execution. The issue is who has executed the documents in place of the first informant. The Police have sent the documents to State handwriting expert and report is awaited. The first informant has obtained opinion by private experts. It supports his contention. Yet the report of the State expert is necessary.
3. The second issue is about applicability of the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. The Appellants contend that they belong to Scheduled

Tribes community. They have handed over respective certificates to the Police. The Police wants to verify them.

4. Stand over to **30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**.
5. Ad-interim order granted earlier, if any, to continue till the next date.

[S. M. MODAK, J.]