

## IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

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## CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

## CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 945 OF 2025

Bhalchandra Vijay Shinde

...Appellant

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

...Respondents

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| Mr. Ajinkya Reddy (Through V.C.)                                | Advocate for the Appellant.       |
| Ms. S. K. Gawai                                                 | APP for the State/Respondent No.1 |
| Mr. Manoj Maslekar attached to Shahapur Police Station present. |                                   |

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CORAM : S. M. MODAK, J.

DATE : 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025P.C. :-

1. Heard Learned Counsel for the Appellant. There is an offence registered under Section 3(1)(v) of The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and under Section 196(1), 299 of The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. It is on the basis of post on facebook dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025. It is in respect of Lord Gautam Buddha.

2. Issue notice to Respondent No.2 returnable on 3<sup>rd</sup> October

2025.

3. Stand over to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025.

[S. M. MODAK, J.]