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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1 OF 2025

Woodpeckers Movies Private Limited
and Ors.

...Applicants

Vs.

Prabhas Umashanker Pande
and Anr.

...Respondents

Dr. Abhinav Chandrachud a/w Mr.Darshan Patankar i/b Mr. Suraj R. Shukla	Advocate for the Applicant.
Mr. Jatin P. Karia (Shah) a/w Ms. Priyanka Sardagudda, Ms. Snehankita Munj, Ms. Shraddha Kamble and Mr. Vijay Andhale i/b D.M. Galani	Advocate for the Respondent No.1.
Smt. S.E. Phad	APP for the State.

CORAM : S. M. MODAK, J.

DATE : 20th AUGUST 2025

P. C. :-

1. For the reasons separately recorded, which are under typing, I
pass the following order:-

OPERATIVE ORDER

(i) Criminal Application No.1 of 2025 is allowed.

(ii) The order dated 30th January 2024 passed by the Court of then Metropolitan Magistrate in C.C. No.1262/SC/2022 and the order dated 14th November 2024 passed by the Court of Additional Sessions Judge are hereby quashed and set aside subject to the following conditions :

- (a) Petitioners/Applicants to deposit an amount of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) before the Trial Court within one week from today and subject to deposit of amount, they are allowed to conduct remaining cross-examination of the complainant.
- (b) If the amount is not deposited as aforesaid, the Trial Court is at liberty to proceed further.
- (c) The submissions made by Learned Advocate Dr.Chandrachud that his client will complete the cross-examination within three hours is accepted.
- (iii) Amount of cost be paid to the complainant.
- (iv) The Trial Court to regulate the conduct of accused and even impose exemplary cost if cross-examination is not conducted in time. Trial Court may also close the cross-examination.

2. With these observations, the Application is disposed of.

[S. M. MODAK, J.]