

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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 125 OF 2025

Darshan Kiran Panchal & Ors.

..Applicants

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr.

..Respondents

Ms. Varsha R. Mishra for Applicants.

Ms. Dhanalaxmi Krishnaiyar, APP for State/Respondent.

Mr. Ashwin R. Rana for the Respondent No.2.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL &
SHYAM C. CHANDAK, JJ.**

DATE : 14 OCTOBER 2025

PC :

1. Issue Notice to the Respondent No.2
2. Mr. Ashwin Rana, learned counsel appears and states that he has instructions to appear for the Respondent No.2. He undertakes to file his *vakilpatra* within a period of four weeks from today. He waives service of notice on the Respondent No.2. Learned counsel for the Applicants shall serve a copy of the Application on him.
3. Both the learned counsel for the contesting parties

submitted that the parties are willing to explore a possibility of settlement through mediation. Therefore, the parties are directed to appear before the Mediation Center of this Court on 04.11.2025 at 11:00a.m. The officer in charge of the mediation center shall appoint a suitable Counselor from their panel to make an attempt to bring about the settlement between the parties. To enable the mediation process to progress smoothly, ad-interim protection can be granted to the Applicants.

4. Hence, the following order:

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- i) Stand over to 15.12.2025.
- ii) Till then, the Trial Court shall not proceed against the Applicants.
- iii) All the rights and contentions of the parties are left open.
- iv) In case of any difficulty, the parties can participate in the mediation process through video conferencing.

(SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.)

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)