

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

Criminal Application No. 753 of 2025

Shailesh Ramchandra Dhumal & anr. ... Applicants
V/s.
The State of Maharashtra ... Respondents

Mr. Satyavrat Joshi a/w. Tanvi Tapkire	Advocate for the Applicants.
Mr. H.J. Dedhia	APP for the State.

CORAM : S.M. MODAK, J

DATE : 15th July 2025.

P.C. :

Heard learned Advocate Joshi for the Applicants. Earlier there is a petition filed before the Division Bench, however, the charge was framed. That is why it was withdrawn on 3rd March 2025 with liberty.

2. The charge is on Page-682. There are various offences. The grievance is in respect of 4th and last head. Charge is framed under Section 39 and 45 of the Maharashtra Money Lending (Regulation) Act 2014. The submissions is, except the transaction with the husband of the first informant, there are no other transactions indicating money lending. Reliance is placed on the observations

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incase of *Mandubai Vitthoba Pawar v/s. The State of Maharashtra*¹.

3. Learned APP submitted that in the charge-sheet there are various sale deeds in which the Petitioner is described as the purchaser. However, Mr. Joshi submitted that there are genuine transactions and these documents are not supported by any statement recorded in Section 161.

4. Let learned APP to take instructions. Stand over to **26th August 2025**.

(S.M. MODAK, J.)

¹ 2015 SCC OnLine Bom 4935