

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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.954 OF 2025

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Anheuser Busch InBev India Ltd. & Anr. .. Applicants
Vs.
State of Maharashtra & Anr. .. Respondents

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Mr.Aabad Ponda, Senior Advocate a/w.Mr. Manavendra Mishra, Akhilesh Singh and Ms. Adithi Rao, Advocates for the Applicants.

Mrs. G. P. Mulekar, Additional Public Prosecutor for the Respondent No.1 – State.

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**CORAM : SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, CJ &
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.**

DATE : 17th SEPTEMBER 2025.

P.C. :

Mr. Aabad Ponda, the learned senior advocate for the applicants refers to the decisions in “*Iridium India Telecom Ltd. v. Motorla Incorporated & Ors.*” (2011) 1 SCC 74, “*Maksud Saiyed v. State of Gujarat*” (2008) 5 SCC 668, “*S.K.Algh v. State of U.P.*” (2008) 5 SCC 662, “*R.Kalyani v. Janak C. Mehta & Ors.*” (2009) 1 SCC 516, “*Sharon Micheal & Ors. v. State of Tamil Nadu & Ors.*” (2009) 6 SCC 475, “*Sunil Bharti Mittal v. Central Bureau of Investigation*” (2015) 4 SCC 609, “*Shiv Kumar Jatia v. State (NCT of Delhi)*” (2019) 17 SCC 193 and “*Sanjay Dutt & Ors. v. State of Haryana & Anr.*” 2025 SCC OnLine SC 32 and submits that institution of a crime bearing First Information Report No.1021 of 2025 lodged on 7th August 2025 at Narpoli Police Station, Thane,

(transferred to the Economic Offence Wing, Thane and registered as First Information Report No.25 of 2025) is *prima-facie* an abuse of the process of law.

2. Issue notice to the respondent no.2 to be served through the Investigating Officer of the Economic Offence Wing, Thane within two weeks.

3. In the meantime, the prayer at clause (b) is granted to the petitioner no.2.

4. Post this matter on 15th October 2025.

[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]