

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1022 OF 2025

Varsha Jondhale – Deshmukh ...Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and Ors. ...Respondents

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Ms. R. S. Tendulkar, APP for the State.

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CORAM: N. J. JAMADAR, J.
DATED: 18th DECEMBER, 2025

Oral Order:-

1. Heard the learned Counsel for the parties.
2. A limited prayer in this petition is to direct an expeditious conclusion of the trial in RCC No.421 of 2018 arising out of CR No.73/2012, registered with Vishnu Nagar Police Station, Kalyan.
3. The learned Counsel for the applicant invites attention of the Court to an order dated 27th August, 2018 passed by the Supreme Court in Contempt Petition (C) No.27/2017, in SLP(CRL) No.3417/2012, whereby the Supreme Court directed the trial Court to conclude the trial expeditiously.

4. The learned Counsel for respondent Nos.3 to 8 submits that respondent Nos.3 to 8 have filed an application for discharge and the said application be directed to be decided expeditiously.

5. At this stage, without delving into the merits of the allegations and counter-allegations, since the crime was registered in the year 2012 and the Supreme Court has directed expeditious conclusion of the trial, this Court considers it expedient to direct the learned Magistrate seized with RCC No.421/2018 to decide the discharge application as expeditiously as possible and, preferably, within a period of two months from 7th January, 2026, the next scheduled date in RCC No.421/2018.

6. Depending upon the outcome of the discharge application, if trial is warranted, the learned Magistrate is directed to commence and conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible and, preferably, within a period of one year from the date of disposal of the discharge application.

7. The petition stands disposed.

[N. J. JAMADAR, J.]