

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.992 OF 2023

WITH

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.829 OF 2025

IN

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.992 OF 2023

Vikrant Dattatraya Deshmukh

.....Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra & Anr.

.....Respondents

Ms. Sneha G. Sanap, appointed for the Petitioner

Mr. Mahesh Mule, a/w Ms. Nidhi Narwekar- SPP for Respondent

Ms. S. S. Kaushk, APP for Respondent-State in WP-992 of 2023

CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE &

DR. NEELA GOKHALE, JJ.

DATE : 1st APRIL 2025.

P.C.:-

1. On 11th March 2025, the learned Single Judge R. J. Laddha passed the following order in Writ Petition No.889 of 2023 with connected Writ Petitions and Interim Applications:

“By this petition, the petitioner seeks appropriate directions to the learned trial Court to expedite the proceedings in the pending trial. The trials are currently pending before the Court of JMFC Panel, Raigad, Sessions Court,, Thane and Sessions

Court, Panvel, in the following CRs: C.R. No.15 of 2022 registered with Nahava Sheva Police Station, Uran, Raigad, C.R. No.490 of 2019 registered with Nerul Police Station, Navi Mumbai, C.R. No.45 of 2021 registered with Uran Police Station, Raigad and C.R. No.159 of 2022 registered with Nahava Sheva Police Station, Uran, Raigad.

2. It is the contention of the petitioner that he has been incarcerated since August 2022, yet the charges in the said trial have not been framed to date. Despite considerable passage of time, no substantial progress has been made in the conduct of the trial Court proceedings. The petitioner contends that undue delay in the trial has caused in severe prejudice and it is imperative for the trial to be expedited to ensure the timely administration of justice. Considering the above, the learned trial Court is directed to expedite the hearing of the trial.

3. The writ petitions stand disposed of accordingly. As a equal, pending interim applications also stand disposed of.”

2. All the Writ Petitions and Applications in which the order was passed was filed by this very Petitioner i.e. Vikrant D. Deshmukh.

3. By this Petition, the Petitioner seeks dropping of charge under Section 302 of the IPC. We are informed by the prosecutor that draft charge has been tendered to the Trial Court.

4. In view of the aforesaid, it is open for the Petitioner to file

appropriate application before the Trial Court seeking dropping of charge under Section 302 against him.

5. Petition is accordingly disposed off.

6. We make it clear that we have not gone into the merits of the Petition and as such keep all contentions of all the parties open.

7. In view of the disposal of the Writ Petitions, nothing survives for further consideration in the Interim Application. Interim Application is accordingly, disposed off.

(DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J.)

(REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.)