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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

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INTERIM APPLICATION NO.3297 OF 2025

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.3209 OF 2025

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 2005 OF 2025

IN

CRIMINAL SUO MOTU CONTEMPT PETITION NO.1 OF 2025

Nilesh C. Ojha

.. Applicant

In the matter between:

High Court of Judicature at Bombay
on its own motion

.. Petitioner

Versus

Nilesh C. Ojha & Ors.

.. Respondents

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Dr Milind Sathe, Senior Advocate, Amici Curiae with Mr Gaurav Srivastav, Mr Aditya Mhase & Ms Rasika Satane, Advocates present.

Mr. Ammar Faizullahoy h/f Mr. D. S. Khambata, Senior Advocate, Amici Curiae.

Mr Nilesh C. Ojha, Respondent No.1 and Applicant in all Interim Applications appeared-in-person with Mr Vijay Kurle, Mr Ishwarlal Agarwal, Mr Partho Sarkar, Mr Abhishek Mishra, Ms Anushka Sonawane, Mr Devkrishna Bhambri, Mr Shivam Gupta, Mr Vikas Pawar, Ms Nicky Pokar, Ms Meena Thakur, Ms Priyanka Sharma, Ms Sonal Manchekar, Mr Sagar Ugle, Ms Nikita Kinjara, Mr Jayendra Manchekar.

Mr Anil C. Singh, Additional Solicitor General with Mr Aditya Thakkar, Ms Savita Ganoo, Mr D. P. Singh, Mr Dhaval Shethia, Mr Adarsh Vyas & Ms Rama Gupta, Advocates for Respondent No.2-UoI.

Dr Birendra Saraf, Advocate General with Ms M. M.

Deshmukh, I/C Public Prosecutor, for Respondent No.3-State.

Mr Prasad L. Gajbhiye, Advocate for Respondent No. 4-BCI.

Dr Uday Warunjikar with Mr Yogendra Rajgor, Mr. Jagdish Rajgor, Ms. Meghana Gowalani Advocates, for Respondent No.5-Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa.

Mr Naushad Engineer, Senior Advocate with Mr Mukul Taly, Mr Ravikumar Kamble, Ms Shifa Quraishi i/by S. Mahomedbhai & Co., Advocates for Respondent No.6-The Bombay Bar Association.

Mr. S. M. Gorwadkar, Senior Advocate with Mr. Suresh Sabrad, Ms Gunjan P. Shah, Advocates for Respondent No.7-Advocates' Association of Western India.

Mr. C. Keswani with Mr Tanmay Bhawe i/by Economic Laws Practice, Advocates for Respondent No.8-Google LLC.

Mr Ashwin Thool with Mr Arshad Gada i/b Desai Desai Carrimjee & Mulla, Advocates for Respondent No. 9.

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**CORAM: SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, CJ.,
M. S. SONAK,
RAVINDRA V. GHUGE,
A. S. GADKARI &
B. P. COLABAWALLA, JJ.**

DATE: 17th September 2025.

PC:

The order is pronounced in the open Court in presence of the applicant-contemnor.

2. Interim Application No.3297 of 2025 is dismissed.
3. The Registry is directed to institute a Criminal Suo Motu Contempt Case against the applicant-contemnor, namely, Nilesh C. Ojha. He shall file statement of defence within four weeks.
4. Post the matter on 16th October 2025.

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5. Let Criminal Sou Motu Contempt Petition No.1 of 2025 alongwith Interim Application Nos.2005 of 2025 and 3209 of 2025 be posted on 16th October 2025.

(CHIEF JUSTICE)

(M. S. SONAK, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE,J.)

(A. S. GADKARI,J.)

(B. P. COLABAWALLA,J.)