



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (APPW) NO. 266 OF 2025
IN
CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 1012 OF 2025

Pritam S/o. Harilal Khandate Vs. DGP, State of Maharashtra & Ors.

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's Orders.

Court's or Judge's orders.

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Petitioner.

Mr. S.S. Doifode, APP for Respondent Nos.1 & 2/State.

CORAM : ANIL L. PANSARE AND RAJ D. WAKODE, JJ.

DATE : 8th DECEMBER, 2025.

By present application, the counsel for petitioner is
seeking permission to argue in Hindi/Marathi.

2. The attention of the counsel is invited to Article 348
of the Constitution of India, which reads as under:

*“348. Language to be used in the Supreme Court and in
the High Courts and for Acts, Bills, etc.—(1)
Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provisions of
this Part, until Parliament by law otherwise provides—*

*(a) all proceedings in the Supreme Court and in every
High Court,*

(b) the authoritative texts—

*(i) of all Bills to be introduced or amendments thereto
to be moved in either House of Parliament or in the
House or either House of the Legislature of a State;*

*(ii) of all Acts passed by Parliament or the Legislature of
a State and of all Ordinances promulgated by the
President or the Governor of a State; and*

*(iii) of all orders, rules, regulations and bye-laws issued
under this Constitution or under any law made by
Parliament or the Legislature of a State, shall be in the
English language.*

(2) Notwithstanding anything in sub-clause (a) of clause

(1), the Governor of a State may, with the previous consent of the President, authorise the use of the Hindi language, or any other language used for any official purposes of the State, in proceedings in the High Court having its principal seat in that State:

Provided that nothing in this clause shall apply to any judgment, decree or order passed or made by such High Court.

(3) Notwithstanding anything in sub-clause (b) of clause (1), where the Legislature of a State has prescribed any language other than the English language for use in Bills introduced in, or Acts passed by, the Legislature of the State or in Ordinances promulgated by the Governor of the State or in any order, rule, regulation or bye-law referred to in paragraph (iii) of that sub-clause, a translation of the same in the English language published under the authority of the Governor of the State in the Official Gazette of that State shall be deemed to be the authoritative text thereof in the English language under this article.”

3. Thus, the language of the High Court, unless the Parliament by law otherwise provides, is English. The Governor of Maharashtra State has not yet authorized the use of any other language in the proceeding before this Court.

4. That being so, the permission, as sought, cannot be granted. The application is accordingly rejected.

5. Heard.

6. Learned APP shall take instructions as regards the status of investigation.

7. List in the week commencing from 5th January, 2026.

(RAJ. D. WAKODE, J.)

(ANIL L. PANSARE, J.)