



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

958 CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 1204 OF 2025

**VIKAS GIRIDHAR RATHOD
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER**

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Advocate for the Petitioner : Mr.B.S.Doifode
APP for Respondent-State : Mr.N.S.Tekale

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CORAM : MEHROZ K. PATHAN, J.

DATE : 06.01.2026

P.C. :

1. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner for sometime. The learned APP points out that in view of the judgment of the Full Bench in the case of **Mayur Vasant Sonawane Vs. The State of Maharashtra & another** in Criminal Writ Petition No.1578 of 2021, decided on 21st April, 2022 and also the judgment in the case of **Manjit Singh Moolsingh Sethi & another Vs. The State of Maharashtra & another** in Criminal Writ Petition No.2265 of 2007, decided on 20th December, 2007, the present Criminal Writ Petition would lie before the Division Bench.

2. Thus, the registry to take appropriate steps to get the matter listed before the Division Bench.

3. Looking to the urgency in the matter, the present petition be listed before the Division Bench on **08.01.2026** for urgent order.

[MEHROZ K. PATHAN]
JUDGE

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