



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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.403 OF 2026

Santosh Dnyandev Kotkar

... **APPLICANT**

VERSUS

The State of Maharashtra & anr.

... **RESPONDENTS**

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Mr. N.B. Narwade, Advocate holding for
Mr. A.A. Aghav, Advocate for applicants
Ms R.R. Tandale, A.P.P. for respondent No.1 – State
Mr. D.R. Markad, Advocate for respondent No.2.
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WITH

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.407 OF 2026

Eknath Dashrath Kotkar & ors.

... **APPLICANTS**

VERSUS

The State of Maharashtra & anr.

... **RESPONDENTS**

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Mr. N.B. Narwade, Advocate holding for
Mr. T.S. Kotkar, Advocate for applicant
Ms R.R. Tandale, A.P.P. for respondent No.1 – State
Mr. D.R. Markad, Advocate for respondent No.2.
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CORAM : SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.

DATE : 25th FEBRUARY, 2026

PER COURT :

Criminal Application No.220/2021 is presented by the applicant for quashment of F.I.R. bearing Crime No.220/2021, registered with Newasa Police Station, District Ahilyanagar for the offence punishable under Section 354 of the Indian Penal Code and the consequential Charge Sheet bearing R.C.C. No.567/2022, pending before the learned Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Newasa, District Ahilyanagar, whereas Criminal Application No.407/2026 is presented by the applicants for quashment of F.I.R. bearing Crime No.906/2025, registered with Newasa Police Station, District Ahilyanagar for the offences punishable under Sections 74, 75, 76, 118(1), 115(2), 351(2), 352, 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and the consequential Charge Sheet bearing R.C.C. No.686/2025, pending before the learned Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Newasa, District Ahilyanagar.

2. Learned counsel for the applicants in both the applications submit that, now the litigating sides in both the applications have arrived at a compromise and they have presented an affidavit on behalf of respondent No.2 in both the

applications, stating that, parties are relatives and the dispute between the parties is of matrimonial in nature. The F.I.R. was lodged by the complainant due to pressure by her parents. Now, both the complainant and her husband have decided to reside separately and at a distinct place from her in-laws and therefore, have amicably settled the matter. Now, in order to maintain cordial and peaceful relations, the respondent No.2 has given consent to quash the proceedings.

3. In view of the settlement of dispute between the parties, and in view the affidavits filed by the complainant, the F.I.Rs. And the further proceedings deserves to be quashed. Hence the order :

ORDER

- (i) Both the Criminal Applications are allowed.
- (ii) F.I.R. bearing Crime No.220/2021, registered with Newasa Police Station, District Ahilyanagar for the offence punishable under Section 354 of the Indian Penal Code and the consequential Charge Sheet bearing R.C.C. No.567/2022, pending before the learned Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Newasa, District Ahilyanagar are quashed subject to costs of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand) to be paid to the High Court Legal Services

Sub-Committee, Bench at Aurangabad within a period of five weeks from today.

(iii) F.I.R. bearing Crime No.906/2025, registered with Newasa Police Station, District Ahilyanagar for the offences punishable under Sections 74, 75, 76, 118(1), 115(2), 351(2), 352, 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and the consequential Charge Sheet bearing R.C.C. No.686/2025, pending before the learned Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Newasa, District Ahilyanagar are quashed subject to costs of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand) to be paid to the Library of Government Pleader's Office, High Court, Bench at Aurangabad within a period of eight weeks from today.

(SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.)

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