



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

926 CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 139 OF 2026

Ajay Nanasaheb Mhaske And Another
VERSUS
The State Of Maharashtra

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Advocate for Appellants : Mr. N.S. Ghanekar
APP for Respondent/State : Mr.M.A. Aher

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WITH
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 556 OF 2026
IN APEAL/99/2026

Shaikh Azhar Shaikh Kadir
VERSUS
The State Of Maharashtra And Another

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Vishal Amritlal Bagdiya
APP for Respondent/State : Mr. M.A. Aher
Advocate for Respondent no.2 : Mr. V.D. Hon, Sr. Advocate i/b Mr.
A.D. Khedkar

WITH
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 984 OF 2026
IN APEAL/99/2026

Shaikh Azhar Shaikh Kadir
VERSUS
The State Of Maharashtra And Another

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Vishal Amritlal Bagdiya
APP for Respondent/State : Mr. M.A. Aher

WITH
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1029 OF 2026
IN APEAL/139/2026

Ajay Nanasaheb Mhaske And Another
VERSUS
The State Of Maharashtra And Another

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Advocate for Applicants : Mr. Ghanekar N.S.

APP for Respondent/State : Mr.M.A. Aher

Advocate for Respondent no.2 : Mr. V.D. Hon, Sr. Advocate i/b Mr. A.D. Khedkar

**WITH
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 99 OF 2026**

Shaikh Azhar Shaikh Kadir

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra And Another

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Advocate for Appellant : Mr. Vishal Amritlal Bagdiya

APP for Respondent/State : Mr. M.A. Aher

Advocate for Respondent no.2 : Mr. V.D. Hon, Sr. Advocate i/b Mr. A.D. Khedkar

**CORAM : NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI AND
VAISHALI PATIL-JADHAV, JJ.**

DATED : 26th MARCH, 2026.

OPERATIVE ORDER :

For the reasons recorded separately, the following order is passed.

ORDER

(a) Criminal Appeal Nos. 139/2026 and 99/2026 are allowed.

(b) The judgment and order of conviction dated 20.01.2026 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Aurangabad in Sessions

Case No.458/2022 is hereby quashed and set aside.

(c) The appellants in both these appeals stand acquitted. They be released forthwith if not required in any other case.

(d) The fine amount deposited by the appellants in both these appeals shall be confiscated to the Government.

(e) The appellants shall deposit cost of Rs.50,000/- each within four weeks from the date of uploading of this order which should be given to the Police Welfare Fund.

(f) In view of this order, Criminal Application Nos.556/2026, 984/2026, 1029/2026 stand allowed in the aforesaid terms.

. List the matter for compliance on 08.06.2026.

(VAISHALI PATIL-JADHAV,J.)

(NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI,J.)

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