

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

925 CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 161 OF 2026

PRADEEP HUKUMCHAND CHUDIWAL
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

...
Mr. Rohit Patwardhan, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. S.P. Sonpawale, A.P.P. for respondent-State.
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**CORAM : SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE AND
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.**

DATED : 24 MARCH 2026.

Oral order (Per Abasaheb D. Shinde, J.) :

1. Heard. At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner seeks leave to add prayer clause (H). Leave granted. Amendment is to be carried out forthwith.
2. Though the petitioner has put-forth multiple prayers, however, he has restricted his prayer in respect of the added prayer clause (H).
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has already approached Police Complaint Authority constituted under Section 22P of the Maharashtra Police Act. Learned APP, on the other hand, submits that pursuant to the complaint filed by the petitioner, the Police Complaint Authority has already issued notice and the matter is posted for hearing on 09.04.2026. Learned counsel for the petitioner

therefore submit that the proceedings pursuant to the complaint filed by the petitioner under Section 22P of the Maharashtra Police Act be directed to be expedited.

4. Since an innocuous prayer has been made, we are inclined to grant the same and direct Police Complaint Authority to decide the complaint filed by the petitioner as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of four months from today in accordance with law and on its own merits.

5. With this direction, writ petition stands disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)
JUDGE

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)
JUDGE