IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD
CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 506 OF 2026

Vishwas Uddhav Anantwad

VERSUS

Priyanka Vishwas Anantwad And Another

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- Ms. Ashwini A. Lomte, Advocate for the Petitioner
- Mr. A. M. Reddy, Advocate for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2

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CORAM : MEHROZ K. PATHAN, J.

DATED : 05.05.2026

PER COURT :

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has challenged the order dated 18.02.2026 passed by the learned Family Court, Latur, whereby the application preferred by the petitioner for setting aside the order dated 23.04.2025 came to be rejected. By the said order dated 23.04.2025, application Exhibit-16 filed by the petitioner-husband was rejected and the proceedings were directed to continue without the written statement of the respondent-husband/present petitioner being taken on record.

3. At the outset, Ms. Lomte, learned counsel for the petitioner-husband, submits that the petitioner is ready to pay costs of Rs.25,000/- for permitting him to file his written statement before the learned Trial Court in the proceedings initiated under Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 by the respondent-wife. Permission was accordingly granted.

4. The matter was thereafter kept in the second session for reporting compliance regarding payment of costs. Mr. Reddy, learned counsel appearing for respondent Nos.1 and 2, acknowledges receipt of the amount of Rs.25,000/- paid by the petitioner towards costs for setting aside the "No Written Statement" order. It is submitted that the said amount has already been deposited in the account of respondent No.1-wife through UPI transaction bearing UTR No.130015535674.

5. Taking into consideration the subsequent developments and the fact that the application for interim maintenance has already been decided by the learned Trial Court, this Court is of the opinion that it would be expedient in the interest of justice to permit the petitioner-husband to place his written statement on record. Accordingly, the petitioner is permitted to file his written statement before the learned Trial Court.

6. The learned Trial Court shall make an endeavour to decide the proceedings under Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 expeditiously and in accordance with law.

7. The criminal writ petition stands disposed of.

(MEHROZ K. PATHAN, J.)