



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

919 CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 44 OF 2026

**BABA NATHA TAKALE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS**

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Mr. S. R. Andhale, Advocate for the Appellants
Mr. V. M. Chate, APP for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2 – State
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CORAM : Y. G. KHOBRAGADE, J.

DATE : February 25, 2026

PER COURT :-

1. The learned APP submits that the Investigating Officer has served the notice to respondent No.3 / informant on 13.02.2026 and obtained the acknowledgement. The communication issued by the Investigating Officer is taken on record.

2. Despite service of notice, respondent No.3 / informant remained absent. Therefore, the Secretary, High Court Legal Services Sub-Committee, Aurangabad, is hereby directed to appoint a counsel from the panel to defend the cause on behalf of respondent No.3 / informant.

3. The learned APP submits that the reply has been filed on behalf of the Investigating Officer and copy thereof is served on the counsel for the appellant.

4. Stand over to 05.03.2026.

[Y. G. KHOBRADE, J.]

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