IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 823 OF 2026

Santosh Laxman Malavikar ….Petitioner
VERSUS
State Of Maharashtra and Ors. ....Respondents

Ms. Reshma J. Adnaik i/b Mr. D. V. Sutar, for Petitioner.
Ms. Shubhangi N. Deshmukh, APP for the Respondents - State.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATE : 14th OCTOBER, 2026.

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1. This Petition is circulated pursuant to the praecipe dated 14th October 2026, the same is taken on record and marked as **"X"** for identification. In view of the urgency expressed by Mr. D. V. Sutar, learned Advocate for the Petitioner, this Petition was ordered to be listed on the Production Board.

2. Mr. D. V. Sutar, learned Advocate for the Petitioner submits that the grievance of the Petitioner in this Petition is that, although Externment Appeal No.171 of 2026 filed by the Petitioner was heard by the Respondent No.2 (Divisional Commissioner Pune Division, Pune) on 15/09/2026, neither the date has been fixed for pronouncement of the order, nor has the order been pronounced till date. He, therefore, requests for a direction to the Respondent No.2 (Divisional Commissioner Pune Division, Pune) to

dispose of the Externment Appeal No.171 of 2026 expeditiously. He submits that grave prejudice is caused to the Petitioner.

3. Issue notice to the Respondents.

4. Ms. Shubhangi N. Deshmukh, learned A.P.P., appears and waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent Nos.1 to 4. She, on instructions, from the Respondent No.2 (Divisional Commissioner Pune Division, Pune) states that the Externment Appeal No.171 of 2026 shall be disposed of within 15 days from the date on which this order is placed before the Respondent No.2 (Divisional Commissioner Pune Division, Pune).

5. By accepting the statement made by Ms. Shubhangi N. Deshmukh, learned A.P.P., for the Respondents - State, this Petition is disposed of with a direction to Respondent No.2 (Divisional Commissioner Pune Division, Pune) to dispose of the Externment Appeal No.171 of 2026 within a period of 15 days from the date on which this order is placed before the Respondent No. 2 (Divisional Commissioner Pune Division, Pune).

6. Mr. D. V. Sutar, learned Advocate for the Petitioner, submits that the Petitioner shall place this order before Respondent No. 2 (Divisional Commissioner, Pune Division, Pune).

7. Criminal Writ Petition No.823 of 2026 is disposed of accordingly.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)