

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 1005 OF 2024

Vijay Pandurang Sonawane

.... Petitioner

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra and Ors.

.... Respondents

None for the Petitioner.

Mr. Ajay Patil, APP for the Respondent – State.

**CORAM: A.S. GADKARI AND
SHYAM C. CHANDAK, JJ.**

DATED : 24th FEBRUARY, 2026.

P. C. :-

- 1) By this Petition received through jail, the Petitioner is seeking a relief of his premature release.
- 2) Smt. Aruna Mugutrao, Deputy Inspector General of Prison, Nashik Division, Nashik has filed a detailed Affidavit dated 9th February, 2026. In paragraph no.6 thereof it is stated that, the Government of Maharashtra has categorised the Petitioner and placed him in Category 7(b) of the 15th March, 2010 guidelines. That, as per the said category, the Petitioner will have to undergo 18 years of imprisonment including remissions. The Nominal Roll dated 4th February, 2026 of the Petitioner produced on record indicates that, as on 4th February 2026, the Petitioner

has undergone 17 years, 8 months and 16 days of imprisonment including remissions.

3) In view of the above, the grievance of the Petitioner does not survive and the Petition is accordingly disposed off.

(SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.)

(A.S. GADKARI, J.)

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