

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 1992 OF 2024

Lalit Gul Shahani

... Petitioner

Versus

The State Of Maharashtra And Ors.

... Respondents

WITH

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 274 OF 2024

Dr Anirudh Chandrashekhar

... Applicant

Versus

The State Of Maharashtra And Ors.

... Respondents

Ms. Anandini Fernandes, for the Petitioner in Writ Petition No. 1992 of 2024.

Mr. Karan Gajra (through VC) a/w Sanchita Sontakke, Digvijay Kachare, Daksha Punghera and Krishna Agarwal, for the Applicant in Criminal Application No. 274 of 2024.

Ms. Akshada Pasi, for the Respondent No. 2 to 5 in Writ Petition No. 1992 of 2024 and Criminal Application No. 274 of 2024.

Mr. Tanveer Khan, APP for the Respondent – State.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATE : 23rd March, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard Ms. Anandini Fernandes, learned Advocate for the Petitioner in Writ Petition No. 1992 of 2024. Mr. Karan Gajra, learned Advocate for the Applicant in Criminal Application No. 274 of 2024. Mr. Tanveer Khan, learned APP for the Respondent –

State in Writ Petition No. 1992 of 2024 and Criminal Application No. 274 of 2024. Ms. Akshada Pasi for Respondent No. 2 to 5 in Writ Petition No. 1992 of 2024 and Respondent No. 2 to 5 in Criminal Application No. 274 of 2024.

2. Ms. Anandini Fernandes and Mr. Karan Gajra have addressed this Court regarding the quashing of the impugned FIR and the Chargesheet arising from it, based on the settlement between the parties and the no objection from Respondent Nos. 2 to 5 for quashing the FIR and Chargesheet. They state that Respondent Nos. 2, 3, and 4 who are present in Court, and Respondent No. 5 present via VC, are submitting no objection affidavits. They also state that the Petitioner and the Applicant are submitting an affidavit revealing the settlement with Respondent Nos. 2 to 5. They therefore request for quashing of the Criminal proceedings by consent of the parties.

3. Petitioner in Writ Petition No. 1992 of 2024, is present in Court and is identified by his Advocate Ms. Anandini Fernandes, who tenders the photostat copy of his identity proof, same is taken on record and marked with (X) for identification. Ms. Anandini

Fernandes tenders Affidavit dated 18.03.2026, affirmed by the Petitioner before Bidhu Panicker, which is taken on record and marked with (P) for identification. Petitioner states that the affidavit (P) is filed by him out of his own free will and the statements made therein be accepted as statements to the Court.

4. Applicant in Criminal Application No. 274 of 2024 is present in Court and is identified by his Advocate Mr. Karan Gajra. He submits the photostat of the Applicant's identity proof, which is taken on record and marked with (X-1) for identification. Mr. Karan Gajra tenders affidavit dated 13.03.2026, affirmed before the notary S. N. Dhange, same is taken on record and marked with (A) for identification. Applicant states that the affidavit (A) is filed by him out of his own free will and the statements made therein be accepted as statements to the Court.

5. Respondent Nos. 2, 3 and 4 are present in Court. Respondent No. 5 appears through VC. Respondent Nos. 2 to 5 are identified by their Advocate Ms. Akshada Pasi, who tenders the photostat copies of their identity proof, same are taken on record and marked with (X-2 colly) for identification.

6. Ms. Akshada Pasi, learned Advocate for the Respondent No. 2 to 5 tenders affidavit dated 07.10.2025 affirmed by the Respondent No. 2 before notary Bidhu Panicker, same is taken on record and marked with (X-3) for identification. Respondent No. 2 states that the affidavit (X-3) is filed out of her own free will and without any pressure or coercion from any person. She reiterates the contents of the Affidavit (X-3) and her no objection quashing of the criminal proceedings filed against the Petitioner and the Applicant.

7. Ms. Akshada Pasi, learned Advocate for the Respondent No. 2 to 5 tenders affidavit dated 07.10.2025 affirmed by the Respondent No. 3 before notary Bidhu Panicker, same is taken on record and marked as (X-4) for identification. Respondent No. 3 states that the affidavit(X-4) is filed out of his own free will and without any pressure or coercion from any person. He reiterates the contents of the Affidavit (X-4) and his no objection for quashing of the criminal proceedings filed against the Petitioner and the Applicant.

8. Ms. Akshada Pasi, learned Advocate for the Respondent No.

2 to 5 tenders affidavit dated 07.10.2025 affirmed by the Respondent No. 4 before notary Bidhu Panicker, same is taken on record and marked as (X-5) for identification. Respondent No. 4 states that the affidavit is filed out of her own free will and without any pressure or coercion from any person. She reiterates the contents of the Affidavit (X-5) and her no objection for quashing of the criminal proceedings filed against the Petitioner and the Applicant.

9. Ms. Akshada Pasi, learned Advocate for the Respondent No. 2 to 5 tenders affidavit dated 07.10.2025 affirmed by the Respondent No. 5 before notary Bidhu Panicker, same is taken on record and marked as (X-6) for identification. Respondent No. 5 states that the affidavit is filed out of his own free will and without any pressure or coercion from any person. He reiterates the contents of the Affidavit (X-6) and his no objection quashing of the criminal proceedings filed against the Petitioner and the Applicant.

10. List these matters on 01.04.2026 for clarification.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)