

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

(23) WRIT PETITION NO.782 OF 2025

Mr. Rupesh Jagdish Lathia	)..	Petitioner
Versus		
The State of Maharashtra	)..	Respondent

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Mr. Ali Kaashif Khan Deshmukh a/w Ms. Snigdha Khandelwal, Mr. Farid and Mr. Abrar Burondkar for the Petitioner.

Mr. Milind M. Sathe, Advocate General a/w Smt. M.M. Deshmukh, Acting Chief P.P. and Ms. Supriya Kak, A.P.P. for the Respondent-State.

AND

(902) WRIT PETITION (ST.) NO.26103 OF 2025

Mr. Pravin Rameshwar Lonkar	)..	Petitioner
Versus		
The State of Maharashtra	)..	Respondent

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Mr.Siddharth D. Agrawal a/w Mr. Bhushan Kolhe and Mr. Shubham Nagre for the Petitioner.

Mr. Aashish Satpute, A.P.P. for the Respondent-State.

Mr. Mahesh Mule, S.P.P. a/w Adv. Nidhi Narwekar for the Respondent.

Mr. Sadanand Rane, ACP, IO, DCB/CID.

AND

(8) WRIT PETITION NO.1545 OF 2026

Subhash Arjun Shinde	)..	Petitioner
Versus		
The State of Maharashtra	)..	Respondent

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Mr. Narayan G. Rokade a/w Mr. Siddharth Ghodke, Ms. Mrunmai Rokade and Mr. Ramchandra Wagh for the Petitioner.

Smt. M.M. Deshmukh, Acting Chief P.P a/w Ms. Supriya Kak, A.P.P for the Respondent-State.

AND

(9) WRIT PETITION NO.1593 OF 2026

Mr. Akash Parshuram Jadhav).. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra).. Respondent

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Mr. S.S. Sawalkar a/w Adv. Adira Tarulam for the Petitioner.

Ms. Supriya Kak, A.P.P for Respondent-State.

AND

(10) WRIT PETITION NO.1652 OF 2026

Mr. Dhaval Kiran Shah).. Petitioner

Versus

Commissioner of Police And Ors.).. Respondents

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Mr. Samir A. Vaidya (Through V.C.) a/w Ms. Chandrani Gore, Adv. Zainab Khan and Mr. Amit Pradhan for the Petitioner.

Mr. Ashish Satpute, A.G.P for the Respondent No.6-State.

AND

(11) WRIT PETITION NO.1544 OF 2026

Usha Kailas Kurhade).. Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra).. Respondent

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Mr. Narayan G. Rokade a/w Ms. Mrunmai Rokade for the Petitioner.

Ms. Mahalakshmi Ganapathy, Addl. P.P for the Respondent-State.

AND
(25) WRIT PETITION NO.5800 OF 2025
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (ST.) NO.24954 OF 2025

Dhanji Dubriya).. Petitioner
Versus
The State of Maharashtra & Anr.).. Respondents

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Mr. Rishi Bhuta a/w Ms. Ankita Bamboli a/w Ms. Vaishnavi Javheri a/w Adv. K.R. Shah, Mr. Parth Govilkar, Mr. Prateek Dutta, Mr. Pratham Jain and Mr. Karishma Rajesh for the Petitioner/Applicant.

Mr. Ashwin Thool a/w Mr. Ayush Singh and Ms. Archishmati Chandramore for the Respondent-UT.

Mr. Sudeep Pasbola, Senior Advocate a/w Mr. Varun Thokal, Mr. Rohin Chauhan and Mr. Chirag Godse for the Intervener.

AND
(26) WRIT PETITION NO.6176 OF 2025

Abhinav Atul Chaturvedi).. Petitioner
Versus
Commissioner of Customs And Anr.).. Respondents

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Ms. Munira Palanpurwalla a/w Adv. Somaiya Khan and Ms. Deepa Amati for the Petitioner.

Mr. Ashish Satpute, A.PP. for Respondent No.2.

AND
(27) WRIT PETITION NO.6487 OF 2025
WITH
WRIT PETITION NO.6485 OF 2025

Mahadeo Pandurang Jadhav).. Petitioner
Versus

State of Maharashtra & Anr.).. Respondents

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Mr. Taraq Sayed for the Petitioner.

Ms. Supriya Kak, A.P.P for Respondent No.1-State.

AND

(28) WRIT PETITION NO.6517 OF 2025

Ravindra Dattatray Kanade).. Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra).. Respondent

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Mr. Amit Icham for the Petitioner.

Ms. Mahalakshmi Ganapathy, Addl. P.P for the Respondent-State.

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AND

(29) WRIT PETITION NO.6584 OF 2025

Ketan Madhusudan Rajdhar).. Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra).. Respondent

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Mr. Sumit Patil i/b Mr. Amit Icham for the Petitioner.

Ms. Supriya Kak, A.P.P for Respondent-State.

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AND

(30) WRIT PETITION NO.189 OF 2026

Pascal Nzube S/o. Facetus Nzube).. Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & Anr.).. Respondent

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Ms. Munira Palanpurwala for the Petitioner.

Ms. Ashish Satpute, A.P.P for Respondent No.1-State.

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AND

(31) WRIT PETITION NO.615 OF 2026

Rahul Dattatray Khude & Anr.).. Petitioners

Versus

State of Maharashtra & Ors.).. Respondents

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Mr. Narayan G. Rokade i/b Mr. Siddharth Agarwal for the Petitioners.

Ms. Mahalakshmi Ganapathy, Addl. P.P for Respondent No.1-State.

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AND

(33) WRIT PETITION NO.828 OF 2026

Gautam Shahajirao Kakade).. Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra & Anr.).. Respondents

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Mr. Harshad Nimbalkar, Senior Advocate a/w Mr. Sangramsingh Bhonsle, Mr. Siddharth Mehta, Ms. Pallavi Kakade, Mr. Satyam H. Nimbalkar, Ms. Pushkara Bhonsle, Mr. Abhishek Arote, Mr. Vaibhav, Ms. Nrupal Dingankar, Mr. Sanmitra Pol and Ms. Shruti Sharma for the Petitioner.

Ms. Supriya Kak, A.P.P. for Respondent No.1-State.

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AND

(36) WRIT PETITION NO.1041 OF 2026

Shushma Sureshkumar Rao).. Petitioner

Versus

State of Maharashtra).. Respondent

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Mr. Murtaza Najmi a/w Mr. Shambhu Jha, Mr. Afsar Ansari, Ms. Nancy Kunungo for the Petitioner.

Mr. Ashish Satpute, A.P.P. for Respondent-State.

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AND

(43) WRIT PETITION NO.6362 OF 2025

Pratik Anand Shinde).. Petitioner
Versus
State of Maharashtra & Anr.).. Respondents

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Mr. Ranjeet M. Pawar for the Petitioner.
Ms. Supriya Kak, A.P.P. for Respondent No.1-State.
Mr. Ishan Paradkar for Respondent No.2.

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AND

(44) WRIT PETITION NO.6539 OF 2025

Dipratna Bhaidas Nikam).. Petitioner
Versus
State of Maharashtra & Anr.).. Respondents

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Ms. Pravada Raut for the Petitioner.
Mr. Ashish Satpute, A.P.P. for Respondent No.1-State.

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AND

(45) WRIT PETITION NO.6546 OF 2025

Jabbar Yusuf Qureshi).. Petitioner
Versus
State of Maharashtra).. Respondent

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Ms. Zehra Charania for the Petitioner.
Ms. Mahalakshmi Ganapathy, Addl. P.P. for the Respondent-State.

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**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL &
SANDESH D. PATIL, JJ**

DATE : 7th APRIL 2026

P.C.

1) The issues involved in all these cases are part of the reference made by a Division Bench of this Court (where one of us, i.e. Sarang V. Kotwal, J was a party) to a larger Bench in a batch of Petitions in the case of *Vicky Bharat Kalyani Vs. State of Maharashtra & Anr*, in *Criminal Writ Petition (St.) No.24338 of 2024* and other connected Petitions.

2) Today, we have heard Mr. Milind M. Sathe, learned Advocate General at length. Though, he argued that subsequent to this reference, there were Supreme Court judgments covering the issues, but even then he submitted that judicial propriety requires that this batch of Petitions also be tagged with said Writ Petition (St.) No.24338 of 2024 and other matters. He submitted that any view which is likely to be taken in the present batch of Petitions, would affect the Petitions pending before the Full Bench. He submitted that the parties in those Petitions should get a chance to argue their cases.

3) To this submission of the learned Advocate General, all the other Counsel, appearing for the other side, i.e. for the original Petitioners, have agreed and all of them unanimously, have submitted that this batch of Petitions be tagged with the earlier batch of Petitions in ***Vicky Bharat Kalyani Vs. State of Maharashtra & Anr***, in ***Criminal Writ Petition (St.) No.24338 of 2024*** and other connected Petitions.

4) Considering these submissions, with which we also agree, the Office is directed to tag this batch of Petitions with Criminal Writ Petition (St.) No.24338 of 2024 and other connected Petitions for consideration, before the Full Bench. The Reference is pending. Both sides submitted that they will take appropriate steps with the Registry to get all these Petitions listed before the Full Bench.

(SANDESH D. PATIL, J.)

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)