

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

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 6549 OF 2025

Kavita Sanjay Sontakke

..Petitioner

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

..Respondents

Mr. Aashay Rabade for Petitioner.

Ms. Supriya Kak, APP for State/Respondent.

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

DATE : 04 MARCH 2026

PC :

1. This is a petition for issuance of writ of *habeas corpus* directing the Respondent No.1 the police authorities to produce the Petitioner's daughter before this Court. This is the main prayer.

2. Learned APP, as well as, learned counsel for the Petitioner informed the Court that the custody of the Petitioner's daughter is already handed over to the Petitioner. Therefore, this prayer is worked out. The next prayer is for directions to the Respondent No.1 police officers to carry out effective investigation into disappearance and illegal custody of the petitioner's daughter.

In response to this prayer, learned APP states that, not only the F.I.R. is registered, but even the charge-sheet is filed against the Respondent No.2. As of today, he is in custody. Thus, even prayer clause (b) is also worked out because police are taking appropriate steps by arresting the Respondent No.2 and filing the charge-sheet. The other prayers are in respect of safe custody of the Petitioner's daughter and the petitioner. It is needless to add that the police officers shall take all the appropriate steps to see to it that the petitioner and her daughter are safe.

3. In this view of the matter, no further directions are necessary. The Petitioner is at liberty to adopt appropriate proceedings in accordance with law for any other relief.

4. The Petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(SANDESH D. PATIL, J.)

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)