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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 6698 of 2025

Baldev Raj Arora
versus
Mantri Realty Ltd. and ors.

Mr. Amogh Patkar i/b. Mr. Rishi Ashok B., Advocate for Petitioner.
Mr. S. M. Mangaonkar, APP for Respondent No.3-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 23rd MARCH, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this petition, the petitioner is seeking direction to the learned Trial Court to expeditiously hear and dispose of the criminal complaint filed by him under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881.

2. It is contention of learned counsel for the petitioner that the criminal complaint has been pending since 2015 and is presently at the stage of evidence, but there is no progress in the proceedings before the trial court, and requested to allow the petition.

3. Learned APP submits that appropriate orders be passed.

4. Considering the submissions of both learned counsel, as well as the fact that the petitioner is a super senior citizen and his complaint has

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been pending before the learned Trial Court for 10 years, I pass following order:

ORDER

- (i) The petition is allowed.
- (ii) Learned Magistrate, 14th Court, Girgaon, Mumbai, is directed to decide the Criminal Complaint No.SS/1402106/2015 filed by the petitioner as early as possible and preferably within eight months from the receipt of this order.

The petition stands disposed of in above terms.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)