

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

WRIT PETITION NO. 687 OF 2026

Shabir Javed Jafari ...Petitioner
Versus
State of Maharashtra & Anr. ...Respondents

Mr. Vinayak Shelar i/by Trushna Shah, for the Petitioner.
Mr. D J Haldankar, APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : N. J. JAMADAR, J.
DATE : 20th FEBRUARY 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard the learned Counsel for the petitioner.
2. The challenge in this petition is to an order dated 18th September, 2025 passed by the Competent Authority thereby externing the petitioner by invoking the provisions contained in Section 55 of the Maharashtra Police Act, 1951. There is a statutory remedy of appeal against the order impugned in this petition before the Divisional Commissioner under Section 60 of the Maharashtra Police Act, 1951. As the petitioner has an efficacious statutory remedy, the petition stands disposed with liberty to prefer an appeal against the impugned order.
3. In the event such an appeal is filed within a period of two weeks from today, the Appellate Authority is requested to hear

and decide the appeal as expeditiously as possible and, preferably, within a period of six weeks thereafter.

4. The petition stands disposed.

[N. J. JAMADAR, J.]