

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 907 OF 2026

Rajesh Balasaheb Bhandwalkar

... Petitioner

V/S.

The State Of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Saima Ansari i/b Fakhrudding Khan(Appointed by Legal Aid),
learned Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. Y. M. Nakhava, learned APP for the Respondent – State.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATE : 7th March, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By the Letter Petition dated 6th January, 2026, the Petitioner (Rajesh Balasaheb Bhandwalkar) is seeking expeditious hearing of the proceedings bearing Sessions Case No. 255 of 2021 pending before the Court of Sessions at Kalyan.

2. Issue notice to the Respondent returnable on 10th March, 2026.

3. Mr. Y. M. Nakhava, learned APP waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent – State and seeks time to take instructions.

4. Ms. Saima Ansari, appears and states that Mr. Fakhruddin Khan has been appointed by the Legal Aid Cell to represent the Petitioner in the present Petition. She submits that Mr. Fakhruddin Khan, being out of India, is unable to attend the Court today.

5. Mr. Y. M. Nakhava, learned APP states that he would obtain the necessary instructions by 10th March, 2026 and make an appropriate statement with regards to the number of witnesses the prosecution intends to examine and a timeline for the same.

6. At the request of Mr. Y. M. Nakhava, learned APP for the State, list the present Writ Petition on 10th March, 2026 under the caption “for disposal”

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)

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