



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 162 OF 2024

Jigar S/o. Pareshbhai Patel

-- VERSUS --

State of Maharashtra and Another

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's Orders.

Court's or Judge's orders.

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Ms. M.H. Deshmukh, A.P.P. for the Respondent No.1/State.

Mr. Rahul S. Kalangiwale, Advocate for the Respondent No.2.

CORAM : M.M. NERLIKAR, J.

DATE : MARCH 16, 2026.

Heard.

2. It appears that the trial Court has kept the application filed under Section 457 of Code of the Criminal Procedure, 1973 pending.

3. The learned counsel submits that, initially, he had filed Criminal Application No. 1406/2023 before this Court. However, this Court declined to direct the trial Court to decide the application within a time bound manner, as other applications of the original accused No.8, namely, Rajendra Armarkar, were pending. Therefore, this Court has observed that any order passed in those writ petition would have a direct bearing on the order, that is likely to be passed in the application

filed by the applicant. Now all those Writ Petition Nos.703/2022, 706/2022 and 707/2022 are disposed of. So far as Writ Petition No.706/2022 and Writ Petition No.707/2022 are concerned, those were withdrawn by the petitioner therein and, therefore, now there will be no hurdle in directing the trial Court to decide the application of the petitioner filed under Section 457 of Cr.P.C. on its own merits.

4. Considering the above observations, the trial Court is directed to decide Criminal Miscellaneous Application No.116/2021 filed by the petitioner on its own merits. The Criminal Writ Petition is **disposed of** in above terms.

[M.M. NERLIKAR, J]