

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 682 OF 2026**

Nitika Rao ... Petitioner

Versus

State Of Maharashtra And Anr. ... Respondents

Mr. Jyotiram Yadav, for the Petitioner.

Mr. Parth Deshpande h/f Priyanka Yadav, for the Respondent No. 2.

Mr. Sukanta Karmakar, APP for the Respondent – State.

API P. B. Bakale, Khadakpada Police Station, is present.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATE : 17th April, 2026.

P.C. :

1. This proceeding is recorded in accordance with the decision of this Court in Hema Suresh Ahuja & Ors v. State of Maharashtra & Anr¹ as the subject matter pertains to an offence under the SC/ST Act.

2. This Petition is circulated in view of the praecipe dated 04.03.2026. Mr. Jyotiram Yadav, learned Advocate for the Petitioner and Mr. Parth Deshpande, learned Advocate for the Respondent No. 2 submit that the parties have entered into

¹ (2024) SCC OnLine Bom 784

settlement and are requesting this Court for quashing of the criminal proceedings by consent.

3. Mr. Sukanta Karmakar, learned APP for the Respondent – State, on instructions from the Investigation Officer present in Court states that the Trial Court has issued proclamation under Section 82 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, as against the Petitioner.

4. Mr. Jyotiram Yadav, learned Advocate for the Petitioner states that he is not aware of the said proclamation and therefore he requests for time to take appropriate steps in the event the proclamation is indeed issued.

5. At the request of Mr. Jyotiram Yadav, learned Advocate for the Petitioner and by consent of parties, list on 05.05.2026.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)