

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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.282 OF 2026

Niranjan Sukhdev Gaikwad and ors. : Applicants.

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and anr. : Respondents.

Mr. Mayank Tripathi a/w Mr. Dharmendra Jadhav, for the
Applicants.

Mr. Tanveer G Khan, APP for the Respondent/State.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATED : 17 FEBRUARY 2026

PC:-

1. Heard Mr. Mayank Tripathi, learned Advocate for the Applicants.

2. Mr. Mayank Tripathi has assailed the impugned FIR on two grounds. Firstly, the allegations in the impugned FIR are from 02 October 2024 till 31 October 2024, whereas the complaint is filed on 07 October 2025. Thus, according to him, there is a delay of almost a year. Secondly, the FIR is a counter-blast to the complaint filed by the Applicants.

3. Issue notice to the Respondents, returnable on 27 April 2026.

4. Mr. Tanveer Khan, learned APP appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the Respondent-State

5. Mr. Mayank Tripathi, learned Advocate for the Applicants, assures the Court that a spare copy of this Criminal Application would be furnished to the Registry of this Court within a period of ten days from today so as to enable issuance of the notice to Respondent No.2.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)