

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION****WRIT PETITION NO.856 OF 2017**

Reena Richard

... Petitioner

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

... Respondents

WITH**CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.171 OF 2017****IN****WRIT PETITION NO.856 OF 2017**

Ms. Reena Richard, Petitioner in-person.

Ms. P.P. Shinde, APP for the Respondent-State.

Mr. P.P. Chavhan i/by Ms. Komal Punjabi for Respondent No.7-BMC.

Mr. Santosh P. Kurade i/by Mr. Nitin P. Deshpande a/w Ms. Rachana Harpale
& Ms. Kanchan Pathak for Respondent No.9.

**CORAM : A. S. GADKARI AND
KAMAL KHATA, JJ.**

DATE : 24th April, 2026

P.C.:-

1) As usual the concerned Authority of Police Department has not filed Affidavit within stipulated period. Learned APP seeks further time to file said reply.

2) Praecipe dated 23rd April, 2026 is circulated by learned APP for

extension of time to file reply of the concerned Authority in pursuance to the Order dated 9th April, 2026.

2.1) At the request of learned APP, the period to file reply is extended upto 6th May, 2026.

3) The Petitioner appearing in person made a further grievance that, even in March, 2026 permission is granted to use loudspeakers to the concerned religious structure and by taking undue advantage of the said permission, all the norms prescribed under the Noise Pollution Rules, 2000 are blatantly violated. That, the loudspeakers are emanating the noise beyond the decibel limits permissible under the Rules.

4) We therefore, further direct the concerned Authority to explain in the said Affidavit whether the law enumerated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its earlier decisions and this Court in its various decisions is binding upon the State of Maharashtra and if it is so then, why a citizen has to make a grievance about its violation again and again.

5) Stand over to 7th May, 2026.

(KAMAL KHATA, J.)

(A.S. GADKARI, J.)