

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 389 OF 2026

Satish Arkilat Balan ... Applicant
V/S.
State Of Maharashtra And Anr. ... Respondents

Mr. Kushal Mor a/w Bhomesh Bellam, Isha Kakesh Singh, Neel Paralikar, learned Advocates for the Applicant.

Mr. Sukanta Karmakar, learned APP for the Respondent – State.
PSI Vijay Garud (IO) and PSI Nitin Palande, Trombay Police Station, are present.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATE : 5th March, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard Mr. Kushal Mor, learned Advocate for the Applicant. He submits that the charge in PW/6002055/2024 was framed by the learned Magistrate on 27th February, 2025. He submits that the matter scheduled on 27th February, 2025 was neither fixed for arguments on charge nor was the Applicant heard before the charge was ordered to be framed on the said date. He relies on the decision of this Court in the case of *Sanjay Hariram Agarwal v. The State of Maharashtra And Anr.* (Writ Petition No. 77 of 2026).

2. Issue notice to the Respondents returnable on 24th March, 2026. Mr. Sukanta Karmakar, learned APP waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent No. 1.
3. Mr. Kushal Mor requests for Humdast. At his request, Humdast is permitted.
4. Parties are notified that subject to time constraint, an endeavor would be made to dispose of the present Application at the stage of admission.
5. List the present Criminal Application on 24th March, 2026 under the caption “for disposal”

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)

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