

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 425 OF 2026

Mukesh Muniilal Saroj : Applicant.

V/S.

The Sr. Police Inspector And Anr. : Respondents

Mr. Mateen Shaikh a/w Ms. Muskan Shaikh, learned Advocates for the Applicant.

Mrs. Rajeshree Newton, learned APP for the Respondent – State.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATE : 01 APRIL 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard Mr. Mateen Shaikh, learned Advocate for the Applicant and Mrs. Rajeshree Newton, learned APP for the Respondent / State.

2. By the present Application, the Applicant is seeking to quash First Information Report bearing Crime No. 704 of 2025 dated 27 September 2025 for the offences punishable under Section 59 of the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 along with Sections 223, 274, 123 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, registered with Vinoba Bhave Nagar Police Station, Mumbai.

3. Mr. Mateen Shaikh, learned Advocate for the Applicant submits that the issue involved in the present Criminal Application is pending for consideration before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. He further submits that similar issues are involved in Criminal Writ Petition Nos. 280 of 2025, 3444 of 2025 and 4078 of 2025. He refers to the orders passed in the above said Petitions, wherein this Court has admitted the same and granted interim reliefs.

4. Mrs. Rajeshree Newton, learned APP for the State/Respondent does not dispute that the issue involved in the present Criminal Application is subject matter of the Petitions, referred by the Applicant in the present Criminal Application. She submits that the present Criminal Application filed under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short "BNSS") be tagged along with the aforesaid Petitions and connected matters.

5. Mr. Mateen Shaikh, learned Advocate for the Applicant submits that the interim orders granted in the aforesaid Petitions, be also granted in this Criminal Application.

6. Mrs Rajeshree Newton, learned APP for the State/Respondent does not object to the said request.

7. In view of the above, further proceedings arising out of Crime No. 704 of 2025 dated 27 September 2025 registered with Vinoba Bhave Nagar Police Station, are stayed qua the Applicant.

8. Tag the present Criminal Application along with Criminal Writ Petition Nos. 280 of 2025, 3444 of 2025 and 4078 of 2025.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)