

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION  
WRIT PETITION NO. 2421 OF 2026

Smita Shankar Katkar ...Petitioner  
Versus  
The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ...Respondents

Mr.Kunal Bhanage i/b Ms. Sneha Mishra a/w Ms. Nerrisa Almeida &  
Mr. Darpan Gupta for the Petitioner.

Ms. Poonam Ankleshwaria a/w Mr. Prathamesh Parkar & Adv.Atithi  
Abhay for the Respondents.

Ms. Mahalakshmi Gnapathy, Addl.PP for the Respondent-State.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL &**  
**SANDESH D. PATIL, JJ.**  
**DATE : 5<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2026**

**P.C. :**

1. Heard learned Counsel for the parties.
2. Issue notice to the respondent No.2. Learned Counsel appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondent

No.2.

3. The grievance of the petitioner is that she was not permitted to see her child taken away by the respondent No.2 against the petitioner's will for more than one year. The child is 4 year old daughter.

4. In this situation, we direct the respondent No.2 to bring the child to the Court on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, at 11.00 a.m.

5. Both the learned Counsel shall also take instructions so that some interim arrangements can be made which is reasonable and acceptable to both the parties.

6. Stand over to 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

**SANDESH D. PATIL, J.**

**SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.**