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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (ST) NO. 9855 OF 2026

Dattatrya Ramchandra Dhokre & Ors. ... Petitioners

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra & Anr. ... Respondents

Mr. Amey Deshpande i/b Mr. Harsh Nishar a/w Ms. Vandana Bait,
Mr. Gaurang Jhaveir, Mr. Niyati Sontakke, Advocates for
Petitioners.

Mr. Vishal Tambat, Advocate for Respondent No. 2.

Mr. A. A. Palkar, APP for Respondent No. 1 - State.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATE : 8th MAY, 2026

P.C. :

1. This Petition was circulated in view of the grounds mentioned in the praecipe dated 8th May, 2026, same is taken on record and marked 'X' for identification. At the request of Mr. Sudeep Pasbola, learned Senior Advocate for the Petitioners, this Petition is taken up on the "Production List".

2. Mr. Amey Deshpande, Advocate for the Petitioners, submits that by order dated 9th February, 2024, the Joint Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Dindori, has allowed the Criminal M. A. No. 252 of 2023 directed Respondent No. 1 to register an FIR against the Petitioners. He states that the Criminal Revision Application No. 35 of 2024 filed by the Petitioners against the order dated 9th February, 2024 was dismissed by the Sessions Court on 21st April, 2026. He states that the Sessions Court, by order dated 22nd April, 2026, has extended the stay, which was in operation during the pendency of the Criminal Revision Application No. 35 of 2024, for a period of 15 days from that date. He states that the stay was in operation till 7th May, 2026.

3. Mr. Amey Deshpande, Advocate for the Petitioners, submits that the Order dated 9th February, 2024, passed by the Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Dindori, in Criminal M. A. No. 252 of 2023 suffers from perversity and therefore requests the continuation of the order of stay which was in operation during the pendency of the Criminal Revision Application No. 35 of 2024.

4. Issue notice to the Respondents, returnable on 8th June, 2026.

5. Ms. Pallavi Dabholkar, learned APP appears and waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent No. 1.

6. Mr. Vishal Tambat appears and states that he has instructions to waive service of notice on behalf of Respondent No.2.

7. Till the next date, the operation of the order dated 9th February, 2024, passed by the Joint Judicial Magistrate, First Class, Dindori, in Criminal M. A. No. 252 of 2023, is stayed.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)