

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.1976 OF 2023

Shubhangi Satish Mahale
and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

Vidya Vishwasrao Jachak
and others

.... Respondents

Mr. Sandeep D. Paigude, Advocate for the Petitioners.
Ms. Vidya V. Jachak, the Respondent No.1 present in-person.
Ms. M.R. Tidke, APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.

DATE : 15th JUNE, 2023

P.C. :

1. Heard Mr. Sandeep Paigude, learned counsel for the Petitioners and Ms. Vidya V. Jachak, the Respondent No.1 appearing in-person.

2. The original complaint is filed by the Respondent No.1 before the Magistrate against the Petitioners, who are the sisters, brother and brother's family. It is necessary to consider whether the sister of the Petitioners falls within the meaning of the 'Respondent' under Section 2(q) of the

Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

There are other legal issues which will have to be answered by both the parties. Therefore, issue notice to the Respondents, returnable on 30.8.2023. The Respondent No.1 is at liberty to file affidavit-in-reply.

3. Stand over to 30.8.2023. Status quo as of today shall be maintained till then.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)