

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION****WRIT PETITION (STAMP) NO. 12558 OF 2024****WITH****INTERIM APPLICATION (STAMP) NO.7671 OF 2025****WITH****INTERIM APPLICATION (STAMP) NO.16660 OF 2024****WITH****INTERIM APPLICATION (STAMP) NO.12155 OF 2025**

Meena Govind Limbole & Ors.

.....Petitioners/Applicants

Vs.

The State Of Maharashtra & Ors.

.....Respondents

Mr. Siddharth Jha a/w Adv. Sumeet Upadhyay i/by Law Juris for the Petitioners and for the Applicants in IAST No.12155 of 2025.

Smt. Mankuwar M. Deshmukh Acting PP for the Respondent-State.

Mr. Rajiv Patil a/w Adv. Smt. Pournima Kantharia and Adv. Vijay Jaitkar for the Respondent No.3.

Mr. Nikhil Sakhardande, Senior Advocate a/w Adv. Shubhra Swami, Adv. Advait Helekar, Adv. Veertej Patil and Adv. Vijit Shinde i/by Adv. Aditya R. Iyer for the Applicant in IAST No.7671 of 2025.

**CORAM : A. S. GADKARI AND
SHYAM C. CHANDAK, JJ.**

DATE : 27th JANUARY, 2026.

P.C.:-

- 1) Record indicates that, on 25th November, 2025 a bald rather false statement is made before this Court that, the charge-sheet in the

present crime is ready to be filed. Today we have been shown a draft proforma charge-sheet which is corrected at various places in red and blue ink. Upon repeated queries by this Court, what has been shown to us is a compilation of documents i.e. statements of witnesses along with certain photographs.

2) Despite repeated request by the Court, the proforma charge-sheet has not been shown. It is thus apparent that, on 25th November, 2025 a palpably incorrect statement was made and the Court was made to believe that, the investigation is completed and charge-sheet is ready to be filed. We do not appreciate the practice adopted by the prosecution.

3) At the request of learned Acting PP, stand over to 3rd February, 2026.

(SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.)

(A.S. GADKARI, J.)

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