

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

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION (ST.) NO. 13552 OF 2024

Vaibhav Mohan Thakur and others. ... Petitioners.

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra and others. ... Respondents

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (ST.) NO. 25225 OF 2024
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (ST.) NO. 19579 OF 2025**

Mr.Sumit Ashok Shinde for the Petitioners.
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Acting P.P. for the Respondent- State.
Mr.Narendra Walawalkar, Senior Advocate with Mr.Suresh Sabrad,
P.P.Chavan i/b. Komal Punjabi for Respondent No.25- MMC.
Mr.Mahesh Vaswani with Mr.Dinesh Tiwari, Ms.Shreya Tiwari and
Mr.Divij Jumanani for Respondent Nos.26 to 28.

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**CORAM : A. S. GADKARI AND
RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, JJ.
DATE : 16th DECEMBER 2025.**

PC.:-

- 1) Perused Reports submitted by the Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime), Mumbai in the present crimes.
- 2) As far as C.R.No.89 of 2024 is concerned, in the penultimate paragraph of the Report, it is categorically stated that during the course of investigation, the Officers of Respondent- Mumbai Municipal Corporation (MMC) are only giving names of some of its Officers, however complete

information regarding their names, addresses and their present appointment has not been provided. As the information provided by the concerned Officers of MMC is incomplete, further correspondence has been made with the concerned Authority. Perusal of record indicates that by Order dated 5th December 2024 this Court had directed all the Agencies i.e. Revenue Authorities including MMC and CRZ Authorities to co-operate with the investigation being carried out by the SIT so constituted. In subsequent Order dated 5th February 2025, the said directions were again reiterated. Perusal of the Report dated 15th December 2025 submitted by the Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime), however indicates that, the Authorities of MMC are not co-operating in expeditious investigation of the said crime.

2.1) In view of the above, we direct the Additional Commissioners of Mumbai Municipal Corporation, (MMC) Western and Eastern Regions to attend the Office of the Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) on 24th December 2025 at 11.00 a.m. without giving any excuses, along with all the record which is necessary for the purpose of investigation of crime. The Additional Commissioners of Municipal Corporation, Western and Eastern regions shall also provide information to the Chief of SIT about the Officers who did not provide complete information to the Investigating Agency on earlier occasions so as to enable the Chief of SIT to take appropriate necessary legal action against the said erring Officers.

- 3) In C.R.No.90 of 2024, the Chief of SIT has submitted a Report dated 15th December 2025. It is stated therein that after receipt of sanction under section 197 of Cr.P.C., supplementary chargesheet will be filed before the concerned Court. The statements made in the Report are accepted.
- 4) In C.R.No.91 of 2024, the Chief of SIT has submitted a Report dated 15th December 2025. It is stated therein that investigation of the said crime is in progress. The specimen signatures of the concerned witnesses/accused have been sent for analysis to the Handwriting Experts and report thereof is awaited. The statements made in the said Report are accepted.
- 5) In C.R.No.94 of 2024, the Chief of SIT has submitted a Report dated 15th December 2025. It is stated therein that various documents are being verified and the investigation of the said crime is in progress. The statements made therein are accepted.
- 6) At the request of learned A.P.P., stand over to 27th January 2026.
- 7) The aforesaid Reports dated 15th December 2025 be kept in a sealed envelop and the sealed envelop be kept in the second part of the proceeding.

(RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, J.)

(A.S. GADKARI, J.)