

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.3515 OF 2025**

Mala Awadhbihari Bharadwaj & Ors.*Petitioners*

Versus

Shruti Raushan Bhardwaj & Anr.*Respondents*

Ms. Kalyani Mangave, for the Petitioner.

Mr. Nitin B. Patil, APP for the Respondent.

CORAM : MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J.

DATED : 8th JULY, 2025

P.C. :

1) The Petitioner is seeking directions to quash and set aside the PWDVA Application No. 219 of 2024, pending before the Judicial Magistrate First Class, Belapur (JMFC), filed under the provisions of Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

2) It is her contention that, there are no allegations against Petitioner No. 3 in the complaint itself and the parties have been residing at three different places and at no point of time, there was a shared household between the parties, barring a few occasions on which they have resided together. Therefore, it

cannot be said that, there has been Domestic Violence on Respondent No.1.

3) Issue notice to the Respondents.

4) Learned APP waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent No.3-State.

5) However, Respondent No.2 being a child, no notice is required to be issued to Respondent No.2.

6) In addition to the Court notice, the Petitioner is at liberty to serve the Respondent through a permissible private mode and file an affidavit before the next date.

7) List this Petition on **05.08.2025**.

[MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J.]

This order is modified as per Speaking to the Minutes Order dated 14.07.2025.