

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

**WRIT PETITION NO.4091 OF OF 2025**

Kumar Gulabrao Ghadage .....Petitioner

*Versus*

State of Maharashtra and Ors. ....Respondents

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Mr. Veerdhaval Kakade a/w. Mr. Apurva Mahadik for the Petitioner.  
Mr. S.V. Gavand, Addl. PP for Respondent Nos.1 and 2.  
PSI Kamble, Bibavewadi Police Station, Pune present.

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**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE  
&  
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, JJ.**

**DATE : 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST, 2025**

**P.C. :-**

1. **Issue notice to the Respondents**, returnable on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2025. The learned Addl. PP waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent Nos.1 and 2.

2. The Petitioner prays for ad-interim protection. By the impugned judgment delivered by the State Police Complaints Authority in SPCA/Complaint Case No.77 of 2022, lodged by Respondent No.3, disciplinary action has been recommended to the State Government, against the Petitioner. The impugned judgment is to be treated as a preliminary inquiry report for the purpose of instituting disciplinary proceedings against four Police Officers,

including the Petitioner.

3. Interestingly, the issue arises from a complaint by Respondent No.3 herein (the original Complainant) regarding the bursting of firecrackers in the premises of a marriage hall on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2019, at 12.15 a.m. (incorrectly recorded as 12.15 p.m. in the impugned judgment). The complaint was registered in 2022, and the impugned judgment was delivered on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2025. For the alleged bursting of firecrackers in a marriage hall, four Police Officers are sought to be subjected to disciplinary action.

4. In these circumstances, until further orders, the impugned judgment shall stand stayed. This order shall be restricted to the present Petitioner.

5. Office objections, if any, to be removed, on or before 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, failing which, this Petition shall stand dismissed without reference to the Court, on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

**(GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.)**

**(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)**