

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION (ST) NO.14128 OF 2025**

Vijay Santosh Ahire Patil ... Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ... Respondents

Mr. Kishor W., Sachin Chandan & Irfan Shaikh for the Petitioner.

Ms. Anita Murgude i/by Ranjana Todankar for Respondent No.2.

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.

DATE : 05TH MAY 2026

PC. :

1. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the following order is passed:

ORDER

- i. The Learned Magistrate shall permit the Petitioner-husband to cross-examine the Respondent-wife. The Learned Magistrate shall also permit the Petitioner to lead evidence, if any.
 - ii. Learned Counsel for the Petitioner, on instructions, submits that the Petitioner without prejudice to his rights and contentions will pay an amount of Rs.3,00,000/- towards the arrears of maintenance amount to the Respondent-Wife within a period of two weeks from today. The statement is accepted as an undertaking to this Court.
 - iii. Considering the fact that the matter pending before learned Magistrate is of the year 2013, the Learned Magistrate shall endeavour to decide the matter within a period of six months from the date of receipt of copy of this order.
2. The Writ Petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(N.R. BORKAR, J.)