

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

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 1275 OF 2007

Manubhai Hargovandas Patel ...Appellant

vs.

M/s. Lalit Constructions and Ors. ...Respondents

Mr.Manubhai H. Patel – Appellant in person.

Ms.Saili N. Dhuru i/b. Mr.Kuldeep S. Patil, Advocate for Respondent No.1.

Mr.N.B.Patil – APP for the Respondent No.5-State.

CORAM : S. M. MODAK, J.

DATE : 28th FEBRUARY, 2023

P. C. :-

1. The Appellant in person is present today. As per the office report dated 8th February, 2018, he was held as not competent to assist the Court effectively. He made two submissions. One is this report is given by way of vengeance because he had made allegations of corruption against judicial officers. Second is he is also having another report by which he is permitted to present his case in person. Today, he is not having copy of that report. He is at liberty to produce that copy on next date, if available.

2. In addition to that, he relied upon a copy of the order dated 5th March, 2020 passed by the Division Bench of this Court headed by then Acting Chief Justice. It was passed in group of Petitions. The legality of the rules framed by this Court for representing parties in person is challenged. By way of Interim Order, the Petitions of which present Appellant is one of them were permitted to conduct their matters before the Court. There is a rider to that effect *“However, they shall maintain absolute decorum, decency while conducting the matter and shall abide by the directions of the Court while hearing them.”*

3. In view of that, Appellant is permitted to present his case in person before this Court. However, it is made clear to him that he will maintain decorum, decency and will also maintain the dignity of the lawyers representing the Respondents.

4. In view of that, matter be kept on **21st March, 2023** for final hearing at the end of the admission board.

[S. M. MODAK, J.]