

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

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (ST) NO. 17486 OF 2024

Vinod Rathod

.. Petitioner

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra & Ors.

.. Respondents

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None for the petitioner.

Mr. J. P. Yagnik, Additional Public Prosecutor for Respondent No.1-State.

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**CORAM : SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, CJ &
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.**

DATE : 23rd FEBRUARY 2026.

P.C. :

Mr. J. P. Yagnik, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor shall produce on record the inquiry proceedings conducted by the Magistrate as contemplated under section 174 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 corresponding section 194 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

2. Post the matter on Friday, that is, 27th February 2026.

[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]