

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION****WRIT PETITION (ST) NO.17871 OF 2024**

Poonabhai Chandpara

... Petitioner

V/s.

Union of India & Anr.

... Respondents

Ms. Medha Jondhale a/w Mr. Anand Jondhale and Ms. Rajnandini Jondhale
for the Petitioner.

Mr. Siddharth Chandrashekhar a/w Ms. Sangeeta Yadav and Mr. Umesh
Kumar for Respondent No.1.

Mr. Vinod Chate, APP, for the Respondent-State.

**CORAM : A. S. GADKARI AND
KAMAL KHATA, JJ.**

DATE : 5th May 2026

PC:-

1) By this Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India,
the Petitioner is seeking writ or direction to the Respondents to act on the
complaint dated 5th August, 2022 filed by him and take necessary action
against the alleged corrupt Custom Officers.

2) It is the case of the Petitioner that, the Respondents have not
taken cognizance of the said complaint and therefore he is constrained to
file the present Petition.

3) Perusal of Petition indicates that, the alleged complaint dated 5th August, 2022 (at page No.25), is addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Indian Government, New Delhi. A bare perusal of the said complaint indicates that, it does not qualify the test of Section 154 of Code of Criminal Procedure ('Cr.P.C.'). The Petitioner ought to have adopted the remedy available under Section 154(3) of Cr.P.C. in the event, his complaint was unattended.

3.1) Be that as it may, the alleged complaint dated 5th August, 2022 as it stands, is not a 'complaint' within the meaning of Section 154 of Cr.P.C. According to us, therefore the present Petition is erroneous and misconceived.

Petition is accordingly dismissed in limine.

(KAMAL KHATA, J.)

(A.S. GADKARI, J.)

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