

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY****CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION****WRIT PETITION NO.5194 OF 2024**

Ajit Nathram Patil ... Petitioner

**V/s.**

Central Bureau Investigation & Ors. ... Respondents

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Mr. Pravin Wategaonkar for the Petitioner.  
Mr. Amit Monde, SPP a/w. Adv. Jai Vohra for Respondent No.1.  
Mr. Prashant Mishra a/w. Adv. Chahat Modi for Respondent No.3.  
Ms. Mankuwar M. Deshmukh, Acting P. P. a/w. Adv. P. P. Shinde, APP, for the Respondent-State.

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

**DATE : 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**PC.:-**

1) The Respondent No.4 is directed to file his Reply to the Petition. The Respondent No.4 shall explain in the said Reply, what steps he took after the receipt of the communication dated 14th December 2023 from the Additional Director General of ACB, Mumbai (page 123).

1.1) The Respondent No.4 shall not delegate its powers to any subordinate officer while filing the Reply, as the communication dated 14th December 2023 is addressed to it and taking into consideration the

allegations made by the Petitioner.

2.1) The said Reply be filed within a period of four weeks from today.

3) Stand over to 8th April 2026.

(KAMAL KHATA, J.)

(A.S. GADKARI, J.)