

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

**CONTEMPT PETITION NO.651 OF 2025
IN
WRIT PETITION (STAMP) NO.22683 OF 2023**

Megha Arun RathodPetitioner
Versus
Arun Devraj Rathod
and othersRespondents

Ms. Rimpal Trivedi, Advocate for the Petitioner.
Mr. Narayan L.P. Mishra, Advocate for the Respondent No.1.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL &
SANDESH D. PATIL, JJ.
DATE : 17th APRIL, 2026
[In Chambers]**

P.C. :

1. Both learned counsel for both the contesting parties informed us that the husband has filed a Petition for custody of the child who is a ten year old daughter. The husband and wife have both independently filed the divorce petitions. All these three Petitions are pending before the Family Court, Bandra. We are also informed that in one of the proceedings, the Judge of the Family Court has kept the matter for 'passing orders' in respect of access for the mother of the child i.e. the Petitioner herein during pendency of the proceedings. The next date for passing that order is 22.4.2026.

2. We are not making any observations in respect of the rights of the parties today so that the learned Judge can pass the order independently in accordance with law without being influenced by pendency of the present Contempt Petition. Therefore, we are posting this Petition beyond vacation.

3. We must also record that the Petitioner mother had made a grievance that she had not seen her daughter for about nine months. Considering this statement, which is disputed by the other side, we thought it fit that the Petitioner should at least meet her daughter exclusively for some time. When we expressed our opinion, the Respondent No.1 readily agreed to this suggestion and the child is brought to the Court today. Therefore, on humanitarian grounds we direct that the Petitioner shall have exclusive meeting today with the child in the Court room after Court hours for a period of one hour. This order is passed without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the parties.

4. Stand over to 18.6.2026.

(SANDESH D. PATIL, J.)

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)