

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION NO. 299 OF 2026

Mayur Dhanaji Kokare and Ors. ... Petitioners

Versus

The State of Maharashtra And Anr. ... Respondents

*Mr. Kalpesh Patil a/w Mr. Rushikesh Chavan a/w Mr. Aditya R. Patil for the
Petitioners.*

Mr. C. D. Mali, A.P.P. for the Respondent-State.

Coram : RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, J.

Date : 10th April 2026.

PER COURT :

1. Heard.
2. Learned Advocate appearing for the Petitioners submits that the present Petition seeks quashing of R.C.C. No. 416 of 2025 pending before the learned JMFC, Karad, for offences punishable under Sections 189(2), 190, 191(2), 118(1), 115(2), 352, and 351(2) of the BNS, 2023.
3. He submits that a prima facie reading of the FIR and the statement of the complainant would indicate that the incident pertains to the construction

of a Ganapati temple in the village and that there was a quarrel between two groups of people. He further submits that a cross FIR in respect of the same incident has been filed by one Mrs. Sharda Yedge, being FIR No. 371 of 2025, which is prior in point of time, and that the present FIR is nothing but a counterblast. He submits that vague and general allegations have been made against the Petitioners. It is further submitted that there was a scuffle and certain abuses were allegedly uttered; however, no details thereof have been stated or mentioned in the FIR. According to him, prima facie, the FIR does not disclose the commission of the offences alleged against the Petitioners. He submits that even if the FIR is taken at face value and accepted in its entirety, no case is made out against the present Petitioners.

4. Learned Advocate for the Petitioners further submits that Petitioner No. 1 is 23 years old and has applied for the Indian Navy Civilian Entrance Test; Petitioner No. 2 is 29 years old and is employed in a private company; and Petitioner No. 3 is 20 years old and has been issued a joining letter for the Agniveer scheme. He submits that Petitioner Nos. 1 to 3 are young individuals in the process of securing employment, and that the present FIR is causing a hindrance in their career prospects. He further submits that Petitioner No. 4 is a 75-year-old senior citizen against whom vague and general allegations have also been made.

5. Considering the above, it is necessary that Respondent No. 2 be heard.

Issue notice to the Respondents. Hamdast permitted. In addition to Court notice, the Petitioners are permitted to serve Respondent No. 2 by private notice and to file an affidavit of service in that regard.

6. Learned APP waives service on behalf of Respondent No. 1.
7. The learned APP, through the Investigating Officer, is directed to inform Respondent No. 2 of the next date of hearing.
8. Stand over to 20th April 2026, to be listed high on board.

[RANJITSINHA RAJA BHONSALE, J.]