

ITEM NO.51

COURT NO.16

SECTION II-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 7640/2026

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 09-03-2026 in ABA No. 438/2026 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay]

SAKHARAM BHIKAN BENGALÉ

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ANR.

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION, IA No. 128294/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 28-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Kunal Cheema, AOR
Mr. Lalit Jhunjhunwala, Adv.
Mr. Raghav Deshpande, Adv.
Mr. Shubham Chandankhede, Adv.
Mr. Rushabh Tripathi, Adv.
Ms. Kritika Gakhar, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Anand Dilip Landge, Adv.
Mr. Aditya Aniruddha Pandey, AOR
Ms. Revathy, Adv.*

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Heard Mr. Kunal Cheema, learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the finding in paragraph 7 of the impugned order, that there was no consideration, is not correct. The consideration was paid at the time when the power of attorney was

executed. Learned counsel for the petitioner draws attention to Annexure P-3 (page 52 pdf 85) to substantiate the said aspect. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the case turns on the documentary evidence and custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not necessary.

3. Issue notice, returnable on 26th May, 2026.
4. Ms.Revathy, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of the State.
5. Till the next date of hearing, in the event of arrest, the petitioner shall be enlarged on bail subject to the satisfaction of the concerned Investigating Officer of the Economic Offence Wing(EOW) in Crime No.560/2025 dated 11.11.2025 registered with Khadak Police Station, Pune City, Maharashtra (since proceedings were transferred to Economic Offence Wing (EOW), Pune City, Maharashtra) for the offences punishable under Sections 316(2), 336(2), 336(3), 338, 340(2), 61(2) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 82 of the Indian Registration Act, 1908.
6. Petitioner shall extend full cooperation with the investigation.
7. Call on 26th May, 2026.

(NIRMALA NEGI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS
*appearance not given

(MANOJ KUMAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)