



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.3591 /2025
[@ SLP [CRL.] NO.7037/2025]**

DEVIBAI CHANDAR CHAVHAN Appellant (s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ANR. Respondent(s)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

The present appeal has been filed against the order of the High Court, whereby the High Court has refused to quash the detention order issued against the appellant's son under the Maharashtra Prevention of Dangerous Activities of Slumlords, Bootleggers, Drug-Offenders, Dangerous Persons and Video Pirates Act, 1981.

Learned counsel appearing for the appellant raised only one submission which is to the effect

that there is no connection or correlation between the last First Information Report (for short, the 'FIR') registered against the appellant's son and the detention order passed against him. In view of the same, there is no basis for passing the said order as there is no immediate possibility of the appellant's son committing a similar offence.

Learned counsel appearing for the State submits that the High Court has taken into consideration the relevant materials while upholding the detention order.

We are in agreement with the submission made by the learned counsel appearing for the appellant that there is a considerable period of delay between the last FIR registered against the appellant's son and the subsequent detention order which is under challenge before us.

In the absence of any adequate reason to justify the same, we are not in a position to uphold the detention order.

Accordingly, the impugned order is set aside

and the detention order stands quashed.

The appeal stands allowed, accordingly.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
[M.M. SUNDRESH]

.....J.
[NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH]

NEW DELHI;
AUGUST 14, 2025.

ITEM NO.25

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SECTION II-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No(s). 7037/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 07-03-2025 in CRLWP(ST) No. 24431/2024
passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay]

DEVIBAI CHANDAR CHAVHAN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ANR. Respondent(s)

Date : 14-08-2025 This petition was called on for
hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

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Mr. Amlaan Kumar, Adv.

Mr. Jatin Dhamija, Adv.
Mr. Naveen Kumar Bhardwaj,
Adv.

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

Leave granted.

The Court *inter alia* directed as under:

"Accordingly, the impugned order is set
aside and the detention order stands
quashed."

The appeal stands allowed in terms of the
signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand
disposed of.

(ASHA SUNDRIYAL)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POONAM VAID)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

[Signed order is placed on the file]