

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

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRL.) NO.6504 OF 2019

SHASHIKANT PRALHAD CHAUDHARI (S 2)

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

The present Special Leave Petition is arising out of an order dated 24.04.2019 passed by the Bombay High Court in three Criminal Writ Petitions.

2. The petitioner(S2) before this Court is a practicing advocate and he had filed a petition for quashing of the FIRs for offence under Section 354 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, (for short "IPC") lodged by respondent(S3). The Bombay High Court has dismissed the Writ Petitions.

3. Chart of pending matters/cases/complaints between the parties as per the record are detailed as under:

SL. NO.	DETAILS OF THE CASE/COMPLAINT	DATED	SECTIONS	FILED BY	FILED AGAINST
1	Complaint to Hon'ble Chief Justice, Bombay High Court and others.	06.07.2015		Shashikant Chaudhari	1. Ms. Shaziya Rais 2. Ms. Sabiya alias Sabiha Rahat Khan

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2	Crime No.484/2015 P.S. Dinsoshi	28.08.2015	S. 354 I.P.C.	Ms. Sabiha Khan	Shashikant Chaudhari
3	Crime No. 125/2016 P.S. Borivali	12.03.2016	S.406, 420, 465-467, 471, 473, 199, 200, 295 IPC	Shashikant Chaudhari	1. Sunil Kumar Ganga Sharma 2. Sabiha Rahat Khan 3. Saziya Rais Khan @ Shaikh 4. Anjali Tripathi
4	Crime No. 93/2016 P.S. Kurar, Mumbai	01.04.2016	S. 406, 420, 465 - 468, 471, 473, 199, 200, 204, 205 & 120-B I.P.C.	Shashikant Chaudhari	1. Sunil Kumar Ganga Sharma 2. Sabiya @ Sabiha Rahat Khan
5	Crime No. 144/2016 - P.S. Azad Maidan, Mumbai	08.04.2016	S. 406, 420, 465 - 468, 471, 473, 199, 200, 204, 205 & 500 of I.P.C.	Shashikant Chaudhari	Sunil Kumar Ganga Sharma
6	FIR No. 225/2019 P.S. Dinsoshi	16.05.2019	S. 420, 465, 468, 469, 471, 201, 506 (2), r/w S. 120B of IPC And S.3(1)(p), (q), (u), (z), 3 (2) (ii), (vi), (viii) Of Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) 1989	Shashikant Chaudhari	1. Sunil Kumar 2. Sabiya @ Sabiha Rahat Khan 3. Saziya Rais Khan @ Shaikh 4. Sanjay Maurya 5. Sagar Gavhane 6. Vishal Krishna Singh

4. In the present case, there were two writ petitions filed by respondent(S3) and three other writ petitions against the five FIRs lodged by the present petitioner(S2). One writ petition was filed by the petitioner(S2) against the FIR lodged by the respondent(S3). The Bombay High Court has dismissed the Section 482 CrPC petitions, thereby all these petitions were dismissed by the Bombay High Court. An effort was also made by Bombay High Court for amicable settlement of the solution. Unfortunately, no amicable solution took place in the matter and in those circumstance, the matters have been decided on facts.

5. This Court in order to resolve these issues which are being dragged for the last ten years had requested both the petitioner as well as the complainant in the Section 354 case to remain present and a length Chamber hearing has taken place in the matter.

6. The petitioner before this Court has shown great magnanimity after great deliberation to withdraw all these FIRs filed by him against respondent(S3) and the other writ petitioner, and the respondent(S3) has also graciously accepted to withdraw all allegations made against the petitioner in respect of the FIRs which are for offence under Section 354 IPC.

7. It is certainly true that both the petitioner and the respondent(S3) are young lawyers and the matter has been continuing for the last ten years. No fruitful purpose is going to be served in continuing the matter for another ten years and, therefore, by

exercising our powers under Article 142 of the Constitution of India in light of the statement made by the parties before this Court, we are putting an end to all the FIRs lodged by the petitioner as well as by the respondent (S3).

8. The petitioner(S2) and respondent(S3) in support of their oral submissions also stated that they will file their affidavits within one week from today withdrawing all allegations against each other. Let the same be done possibly within one week. The same shall be read as part and parcel of this order.

9. It is needless to mention that all proceedings arising out of the FIRs mentioned in the present order will come to an end on account of the order passed by this Court and there will be no future litigation of any kind whatsoever before any Court of law in respect of the *lis* involved in the present case/FIRs.

10. The matter was triggered by complaint lodged by the petitioner before the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court and petitioner has also graciously accepted to withdraw the complaint made to the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court. Therefore, all criminal matters arising out of those complaint before the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court shall stand quashed.

11. It is further clarified that on account of the quashing of the FIRs in question, proceedings against all other accused persons have also come to an end and there will be no future litigation by

the accused persons against the petitioner(S2) with regard to the complaint that has been made by the petitioner(S2) against the other accused as well as to the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court involving respondent (S3) also.

12. The petitioner before this Court has stated that on account of this litigation, specifically the FIR which was lodged for an offence under Section 354 IPC, he was not able to apply for various posts and, therefore, as we are putting an end to all the matters, the FIRs will not come in way of the said petitioner applying in respect of any job or application to any post in future, including any judicial appointment.

13. We place on record our appreciation of the stand taken by the respective parties in this litigation and also the assistance rendered by Ms. Yugandhara Pawar Jha, learned counsel for the first respondent-State and Ms. Aswathi M.K., learned counsel for respondent(S3) in arriving at a settlement of the dispute.

14. Any dissemination of information about this case in any of the social media platforms or other print and electronic media shall be restrained, and if there is any other material already on any of the social media platforms the same shall be taken down.

15. A copy of this order shall be brought to the notice of the concerned officer/official in the respective social media platform.

16. A copy of this order shall be brought to the notice of the

Registrar General, Bombay High Court to be placed before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court. The Registry of this Court to dispatch a copy of the same to the Registrar General, Bombay High Court.

The Special Leave Petition stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

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

.....J.
(B.V. NAGARATHNA)

.....J.
(SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA)

NEW DELHI;
MARCH 24, 2025.

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). 6504/2019
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 24-04-2019
in CRWP No. 3795/2016 passed by the High Court of Judicature at
Bombay]

SHASHIKANT PRALHAD CHAUDHARI (S 2) Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ORS. Respondent(s)

(IA No. 108678/2019 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 108682/2019 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES)

Date : 24-03-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA

For Petitioner(s) Ms. Asha Gopalan Nair, AOR
Mr. Anjani Kumar Singh, Adv.
Ms. Nivedita Nair, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Ms. Yugandhara Pawar Jha, Adv.
Mr. Siddharth Dharmadhikari, Adv.
Mr. Aaditya Aniruddha Pande, AOR
Ms. Lavanya Dhawan, Adv.

Ms. Aswathi M.K., AOR

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

The Special Leave Petition stands disposed of in
terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.

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

(RADHA SHARMA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(DIVYA BABBAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)