



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION  
CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION (ST) NO.18643 OF 2024**

Pritam Kumar Singh s/o Rambilash Singh ] .. Petitioner  
vs.  
State of Maharashtra & Ors. ] .. Respondents

Mr.Sanjay Dubey a/w Puja Bhatt for the Petitioner.

Mr.J.P. Yagnik, APP for the State.

SI Gobinda Prasad Barman and WP Mampi Mondal, Swarupnagar Police Station, West Bengal, present.

PSI Shekhar Ashok Pawar, Juhu Police Station, present.

**CORAM : BHARATI DANGRE &  
MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, JJ**

**DATE : 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2024.**

**P.C.**

1. As directed earlier, the statement of the Corpus is recorded in Juhu Police Station, where she has admitted that, she solemnized her marriage with the Petitioner on 16.03.2024 as per Hindu rites and customs, but she allege that for the purpose of marriage, she was forced to convert her religion and thereafter, she was forced to follow the rites and customs of Hindu religion.

It is the specific statement of the deponent, that since she belong

to Muslim religion, she was not willing for the conversion, but she was coerced to get herself converted and on this count there was quibble between the couple.

However, on 16.04.2024 she left for her parents home and thereafter returned to West Bengal i.e. the original place of abode of the family.

In the ultimate paragraph, the deponent has made a categorical statement that she has no desire to stay with the Petitioner and she want to continue to stay with her parents.

The said statement recorded on 24.10.2024 is taken on record and marked as 'X'-for identification.

A copy of the said statement is also furnished to the learned counsel for the Petitioner.

2. The Petitioner is also present in the Court and its contents were read over to him, by his counsel and he specifically denied the allegation, that he had forced the Corpus to convert her religion and enter into the matrimonial tie with him.

On the other hand, he specifically assert that whatever was done was with her consent, but in any case he understand the fact that she cannot be forced to cohabit with him.

3. The Corpus agreed that the marriage solemnized by them shall be dissolved by taking appropriate steps and if this is to be done by mutual consent, she will accord her consent for filing appropriate proceedings in the Court in Mumbai.

4. In the wake of our direction, the Corpus was produced before us and she reiterated her statement, recorded by Juhu Police Station and even before us, she maintained her stand, that she do not want to accompany the Petitioner.

The Corpus agreed that she will accord her no objection for dissolving the marriage by mutual consent, pursuant to the Petition being instituted in the Court having jurisdiction in Mumbai.

For ensuring this, we direct Juhu Police Station to be in contact with Kolkata Police Team, which had brought her to Mumbai, and it shall maintain the address and contact number of the Corpus for a period of one year from today.

In the wake of above, Writ Petition is disposed off.

**(MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J)**

**(BHARATI DANGRE, J)**