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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 2150 OF 2016

Yogesh Natwerlal Thakkar

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. State of Maharashtra and anr.

.. Respondents

Mr. Pradeep Havnur for petitioner.

Mrs. Sangeeta D. Shinde, APP for State.

CORAM: NARESH H. PATIL &
PRAKASH D. NAIK, JJ.

AUGUST 12, 2016.

P.C.

1. Learned APP submits that on the basis of photostat copy of the Will in question, handwriting expert's report was called for, which is received. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that after 23 years a document surfaced in Spain, which is referred as original and last Will of Osho. In the petitioner's view, the said Will must be forged one. It seems that Investigating Agency is yet to ascertain as to whether any such document titled and referred as "Will of Osho" has been presented in the proceeding, pending in a court of law in Spain. In case such a document is there, then the Investigating Agency would take appropriate steps.

2. We have perused the Government Handwriting expert's report

in respect of signature of Osho. After perusal, we have returned the report to the learned APP. The petitioner relies upon a private handwriting expert's report.

3. Without expressing any opinion on the said experts' reports, we find it appropriate to observe that Investigating Agency shall take necessary steps for making further investigation in respect of the allegations made by the petitioner.

4. Learned counsel further submits that complaint was made to Reserve Bank of India regarding transfer of huge amounts from the Osho Ashram to foreign entities in violation of law. The Assistant General Manager, RBI by communication dated 5/6/2015 informed the petitioner that his letter has been forwarded to Directorate of Enforcement (DoE), New Delhi for necessary action at their end. Learned counsel submits that thereafter the petitioner has not heard anything on that issue.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner prays for leave to add Reserve Bank of India and Directorate of Enforcement, New Delhi, as party-respondents.

6. Leave is granted. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that within two weeks amendment will be carried out. In case the amendment is carried out, issue notice to the added respondents, returnable four weeks thereafter.

7. We direct the DCP (Crime), Pune to give appropriate instructions to the Investigating Officer and monitor the further investigation. A status report be placed before us on the next date of hearing.

8. Stand over for four weeks, at 3.00 p.m.

(PRAKASH D. NAIK, J.)

(NARESH H. PATIL, J.)

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**CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 2150 OF 2016
WITH
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 383 OF 2016
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 403 OF 2016
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 415 OF 2016**

**Yogesh Natwerlal Thakkar. ..Petitioner.
Vs.
The State of Maharashtra & ors. ..Respondents**

Mr. Pradeep Havnur, advocate for Petitioner.

Mr. Ravi Kadam, Senior Advocate a/w. Mr. S.R. Nargolkar, Mr. Karan Kadam i/b. M.S. Gaya, advocate for applicant in APPW 383/16(intervenor).

Mr. Mahesh Jethmalani, Senior Advocate i/b. Amna Usman, advocate for applicant in APPW 403/16(intervenor).

Mr. Ravi Kadam, Senior Advocate a/w. Mr. S.R. Nargolkar, Mr. Karan Kadam i/b. Mr. G.M. Purobi, advocate for applicant in APPW 415/16(intervenor)

Mr. A.R. Kapadnis, APP for State.

Mr. S.D. Patil, advocate for Respondent No. 6 (E.D.)

**CORAM : RANJIT MORE, J &
SMT.SADHANA S. JADHAV,J
DATE : SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

P.C.

1 Mr. Havnur, learned Counsel for the Petitioner at the outset seeks leave to amend the cause title of the Writ Petition so as to implead CBI and Union of India as party respondents. Leave is granted. Necessary

amendments shall be carried out within a week. The Registry thereafter shall issue notice to the added Respondents returnable on 27/9/2017, to be heard alongwith Writ Petition No. 1572/2017.

[SMT. SADHANA S. JADHAV,J]

[RANJIT MORE, J]

