

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.2309 OF 2024
[ARISING FROM SLP (CRL.) NO.8712/2023]

MOHAMMED QAMRUDDIN & ORS. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ANR. RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material.
3. Having perused the F.I.R., we find that general and omnibus allegations are made by the complainant-respondent no.2 against the relatives of the husband's family, namely, the father-in-law, mother-in-law and the three sisters-in-law (appellant nos.2 to 6). No specific date, time or manner of incident has been mentioned in the F.I.R.
4. It is already well settled by this Court in the case of '*Geeta Mehrotra & Anr. vs. State of U.P. and Anr.*' reported in (2012) 10 SCC 741 and also in the case of '*Kahkashan Kausar @ Sonam & Ors. vs. State of Bihar & Ors.*' in Criminal Appeal

No.195 of 2022 decided on 08.02.2022, that such vague, general and omnibus allegations against the family members/relatives implicating them in matrimonial disputes are an abuse of process of law.

5. Accordingly, we allow this appeal and quash the F.I.R. No.537 dated 26.06.2022, registered at Police Station Sir J.J. Marg, Greater Mumbai *qua* the present appellant nos.2 to 6 only. As against the rest of the accused, the proceedings will continue in accordance to law.

.....,J.
(VIKRAM NATH)

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

NEW DELHI;
APRIL 29, 2024.

ITEM NO.42

COURT NO.8

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 (CrI.) No(s). 8712/2023

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 05-06-2023 in CRLWP No. 1807/2023 passed by the High Court Of Judicature At Bombay)

MOHAMMED QAMRUDDIN & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 137244/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

Date : 29-04-2024 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM NATH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA

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Mr. Aditya Krishna, Adv.
Ms. Preet S. Phanse, Adv.
Mr. Adarsh Dubey, Adv.

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

Leave granted.

The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed
order.

Pending application(s) shall also stand disposed
of.

(NEETU KHAJURIA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(RANJANA SHAILY)
COURT MASTER

(Signed order is placed on the file.)