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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

Writ Petition (st) No.2660 of 2025

Abu Salem Abdul Qayoom Ansari

... Petitioner

V/s.

State of Maharashtra & anr.

... Respondents.

Mr. Rishi Malhotra, Senior Counsel a/w. Ms. Farhena Shah, Mr. Shivaansh Maini, Yatish Desale, Ms. Darshana V. Gunjan, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. H.S. Venegavkar (Public Prosecutor) a/w. Smt. M.M.Deshmukh, APP for the State.

Mr. Sachin Chikane, Dy. Superintendent, Nashik Central Prison present.

Ms. Suvarna Chorge, Jailor-II, Nashik Jail.

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**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL
& S.M. MODAK, JJ.**

DATE : 10th March 2025.

P.C. :

Mr. Rishi Malhotra, the learned Senior Counsel appearing for the Petitioner, invited our attention to the judgment passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in Criminal Appeal No.679/2015 preferred by the present Petitioner. Vide the said judgment dated 11th July 2022 there was a reference to the Central Government in the concluding Paragraph No.54.

2. In view of this position, learned Senior Counsel for the Petitioner seeks leave to amend to add Union of India as a party

respondent. Leave to amend is granted. Amendment be carried out forthwith.

2. Issue notice to the added Respondent i.e Union of India, returnable on 26th March 2025. Learned Public Prosecutor seeks time to file affidavit-in-reply on behalf of Respondent Nos.1,2 and 3. Permission is granted. The affidavit-in-reply shall be filed before the next date with copy to the other side.

3. Stand over to **26th March 2025**.

(S.M. MODAK, J.)

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J)