

Arnab R. Goswami	...	Petitioner
Vs.		
State of Maharashtra and others	...	Respondents

Mr. Ashok Mundargi, Senior Advocate a/w. Ms Prachi Tatake for Respondent No.3.

DATE : JUNE 09, 2020

Heard Mr. Salve, learned senior counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Sibal, learned senior counsel for the respondent-State.

3. It is submitted by Mr. Salve that police of Pydhonie Police Station has summoned the petitioner to appear before it tomorrow i.e., on 10.06.2020 in connection with FIR No.137 of 2020. The said area has been declared as a containment zone. Therefore, petitioner going to the said police station in the midst of the pandemic won't be safe; besides

there being no urgency at all. On the other hand, Mr. Sibal submits that petitioner cannot dictate to the investigating authority when he will appear or whether he will appear. However, petitioner may appear before the N.M. Joshi Marg Police Station where he had appeared earlier in connection with F.I.R.No.164 of 2020.

4. That being the position, petitioner may appear in N. M. Joshi Marg Police Station in connection with F.I.R.No.137 of 2020 registered under Sections 153, 153-A, 295-A, 500, 505(1)(b), 505(1)(c), 505(2), 511 and 120-B IPC by the police of Pydhonie Police Station.

5. Since we are in the midst of hearing no coercive action against petitioner shall be taken though he shall appear before the police as directed above.

6. List on 12.06.2020 as already ordered.

7. This order will be digitally signed by the Private Secretary of this Court. All concerned will act on production by fax or email of a digitally signed copy of this order.

(RIYAZ I. CHAGLA, J.)

(UJJAL BHUYAN, J.)

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