



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

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION (STAMP) NO. 13300 OF 2024

Inspirational Group Welfare Association
through its member
Rama Arvind Katarnaware ... Petitioner

Versus

The Enforcement Directorate & Ors. ... Respondents

Mr. Amit Katarnaware for the Petitioner

Mr. H. S. Venegavkar, Spl. P.P a/w Mr. Ayush Kedia for the
Respondent No.1-ED

Mrs. P. P. Shinde, A.P.P for the Respondent No.4-State

***CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE &
PRITHVIRAJ K. CHAVAN, JJ.
THURSDAY, 5th SEPTEMBER 2024***

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1 Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2 By this petition, the petitioner seeks a writ of
mandamus, directing the respondents i.e. the Enforcement

Directorate, Central Bureau of Investigation and Income-Tax Authorities, to investigate the alleged crime as mentioned by the petitioner in her petition/email dated 12th May 2024. This is the only substantive relief sought in the petition.

3 Perused the petition. The petitioner is a registered Public Welfare Organization. Smt. Rama Katarnaware is a member of the said organization. According to the petitioner, as member of the said Public Welfare Organization, it has come to her notice that the Prime Minister of India in his speech made during the elections, had named certain industrialists, for allegedly sending money to a political party, in a tempo. It is further submitted that Congress Leader Mr. Rahul Gandhi had responded to the said allegations by saying that the Prime Minister should get full information and make an inquiry from CBI and ED, at the earliest. According to the learned counsel, based on the said statements, offences ought to have been registered by the Income Tax Authorities and by the ED under

the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The petitioner also seek action under the Foreign Exchange Management Act; the Prevention of Corruption Act; and, under the Indian Penal Code against the persons named by the Prime Minister.

4 Perused the petition. Investigation is sought by various agencies only on the basis of the speech of the Prime Minister as reproduced by the petitioner in the petition and the response to the same by Mr. Rahul Gandhi.

5 We, in the facts, do not find that the petitioner's right is either violated in any way, or her fundamental right infringed, warranting us to exercise our discretionary power under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

6 Considering the aforesaid, the petition being devoid of merit, is dismissed.

7 The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

PRITHVIRAJ K. CHAVAN, J. REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.