

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (L) NO.27351 OF 2023

Mohammed Atiq Ibrahim Ansari

...Petitioners

V/s.

Central Board of Film Certification & Ors.

...Respondents

Mr. Amin Solkar a/w. Mr. Daksha Parmar, Mr. Umang Shah for the Petitioner.

Mr. A. M. Saraogi for Respondent No.2.

Mr. Kumar Parkh i/b. Dua Associates for Respondent No.3.

CORAM: SUNIL B. SHUKRE, AND

FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, J.J.

DATE: 11th OCTOBER 2023

P.C.

1. The names suggested by both sides are taken on record and they are marked as document "A" and "B" for identification. Out of these names, we find that Hon'ble Justice (Retired) Shri. A. A. Sayyed, Former Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court and Hon'ble Justice (Retired) Abhay Thipsay, suggested by either of the sides can be accepted to be on the panel of eminent viewers to be appointed in the present matter. The other persons suggested by both sides, in our considered opinion, need not be considered as we intend to appoint some third person having experience in Cinema Industry and accordingly, we suggest the name of Shri. Amol Palekar, Actor.

- 2. Thus, we appoint the following panel of eminent viewers for taking a preview of the film titled "I Killed Bapu":-
 - 1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retired) Shri. A. A. Sayyed Former Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.
 - 2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice (Retired) Abhay Thipsay, former Judge of the Bombay High Court.
 - 3. Mr. Amol Palekar, Actor.
- 3. We request the panel to take a preview of the film "I Killed Bapu" at the place suggested by them and consider whether the film has any such objectionable material or has any potential of seriously threatening societal disharmony and submit its report accordingly to this court, within a period of two weeks of the preview taken by panel, which report shall be without prejudice to the rights and contentions of both sides.
- 4. All the necessary arrangements like holding of preview, traveling and other related expenses of the members of the panel shall be made and borne by the Petitioner.
- 5. Stand over to 1st November 2023.
- 6. Parties to act upon the authenticated copy of the Order.
- 8. Learned counsel for the Petitioner shall furnish a copy of this Order to each of the Hon'ble members of the panel.

(FIRDOSH P. POONIWALLA, J.)

(SUNIL B. SHUKRE, J.)