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Bombay HC refers to SC judgment in Arnab Goswami case during the hearing of Varavara Rao's case.

"Now we have a judgment(Arnab case) wherein it has been clarified that HC can grant bail in writ. Earlier there was a grey area. Now the law has been made clear", Justice Shinde says



'Arnab's case was on different facts', submits ASG Anil Singh for NIA @NIA_India

"Earlier both of us were pondering whether under 226 bail can be granted, but the position has been clarified now", Justice Shinde replies.

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"Nanavati hospital report is deficient in a number of areas, they have been conspicuously silent on a number of issues"- Anand Grover submits for Varavara Rao.
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VV Rao has had ailments from the beginning, they do not have the infrastructure in jail in terms of medical facilities and he keeps getting unwell/sick since the conditions are such, that is why he cannot stay in jail - Grover

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Once he goes back to jail he will again get sick seeing the ailments he is suffering from, so we will be back to court again as he will get sick - Grover

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He is a famous poet, he has had 24 cases against him- Grover.

Do u remember his poems as a counsel? Shinde J asks in lighter vein.

Yes milords, I am now tempted to read his poem- Grover

Everyone laughs.
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Coming back, lordships will appreciate he has had so many cases against him and has never absconded.- Grover

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Justice Shinde asks about the stage of trial.

Framing of charges, replies ASG Anil Singh.

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Lordship we have asked for a copy of the hard disk and till now we haven't got it, so there is no question of charges being framed anytime soon. Maybe late 2021, charges will be framed, trials take so much time - Grover.

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I have one request, we as his laywers have not met VV Rao till now, so can his lawyers have a meeting with him, a legal mulakat - Indira Jaising @IJaising

We'll consider this, actually we have to also be careful of not exposing Mr Rao to any harm by visiting him- Shinde J

Court adjourns hearing till next Monday, December 21.
Earlier interim order that Varavara Rao should not be discharged without informing the Court before will continue.

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