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#BombayHighCourt begins hearing the plea filed by Kangana Ranaut and her sister Rangoli Chandel challenging the summons and FIR accusing them of sedition.

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Bench of Justices SS Shinde and Manish Pitale hearing the plea are informed that Ranaut had attended the Andheri Police station as directed in the previous order.

Chief PP Deepak Thakare requests the court to direct her to appear for three more days as the investigation is ongoing.

Since Adv Rizwan Siddique appearing for Ranaut and her sister is not present the Court keeps back the matter in the afternoon session.

Siddique comes and Court asks him if he is ready to go on with the matter for final disposal.

Siddique: Yes milords I am ready to argue on merits.

Adv Rizwan Merchant appearing for the original complainant requests the court to first let him file the reply and then to proceed with hearing of the matter.

@RizwanSiddiquee

Court: Mr. Merchant if he can convince us that there is a inherent problem in the FIR. He has challenged the FIR, proceedings, investigation everything.

Merchant: But milords I am only asking for a week. Let me file my reply and then we may proceed. There are tweets involved.

Court agrees to adjourn the matter. Ad-interim protection granted in the previous order to continue.

Court: We anyways have reservation against invoking Sec 124A.

Merchant: Milords I will show from the tweets and law that it is sedition.

But milords may also refrain her from tweeting about the matter.

Court refuses to grant that direction.

Court: Mr. Merchant you have sought for adjournment.

Otherwise we will recall that order you argue on merits.

Thakare: There is an ongoing investigation.

Court: Mr. Thakare you have more investigations. This is not the only case with you.

Court grants liberty to Merchant to place on record any issues arising out of the sister's tweets in his reply.

Adjourns the matter to January 25, 2021 for hearing.