

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Vasant Bandu Kamble	...	Applicant
V/s.		
The State of Maharashtra	...	Respondent

Mr.Y.M.Nakhwa, APP for the Respondent – State.

CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.

P.C.

1. Learned Counsel for the Applicant at the outset, states that this is the third bail application preferred by the Applicant and that the first bail application i.e. Criminal Application No.1260 of 2011, came to be withdrawn by the applicant and that this Court (Coram : R.C.Chavan,J.) had expedited the hearing of the case, since the applicant was in jail for over two years. The second bail application i.e. Criminal Bail Application No.2178 of 2013, which was preferred by the present applicant through jail, was disposed of by this Court (Coram: A.R.Joshi,

J.), on 10th March, 2014 by observing that the trial was already expedited and that 14 witnesses had been examined and considering the factual position there was nothing to reconsider in the application for bail and accordingly dismissed the application. However, the learned Judge directed the trial Court to expeditiously deal with the matter and dispose the same as early as possible.

2. Learned Counsel for the Applicant states that despite the said direction, the trial has not come to an end and requests that the trial be directed to be completed in a time bound manner.

3. Learned APP on instructions of the Investigation Officer, who is present in Court states that till date 24 witnesses have been examined by the prosecution and that the prosecution intends to examine 10 more witnesses in the said case.

4. Considering the fact, that the applicant has been in custody for about 5 years, it would be appropriate that the trial Court be directed to dispose of the case, as expeditiously as possible and in any event, within four months from the date of receipt of this order.

5. Application is accordingly disposed of, with the aforesaid direction.

6. Parties to act upon an authenticated copy of this order.

(REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.)