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

**CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.1577 OF 2016
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.831 OF 2016**

Santosh Anant Karangutkar

...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Mr.A.J.Shinde, for the Applicant

Mr.S.V.Gavand, APP for the Respondent-State.

***CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.
DATE : 23rd DECEMBER, 2016***

P.C. :

Not on board. Taken on board.

1. Heard learned Counsel for the applicant and learned A.P.P.

2. The applicant has been convicted by the learned Special Judge, Sindhudurg at Oros, vide Judgment and Order dated 23rd November, 2016 for the offence under Section 354-A(1)(i), punishable under Section 354-A(2) of the Indian Penal Code and has been sentenced to suffer R.I for 1 year and to pay fine of Rs.500/- in default to suffer S.I.

for 15 days and for the offence punishable under Section 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, he has been sentenced to suffer R.I for 1 year and to pay fine of Rs.500/- in default to suffer S.I. for 15 days. Both the sentences were directly to be run concurrently.

3. Learned Counsel for the applicant states that the applicant was on bail, pending trial and that he has not abused or misused the liberty granted to him. He states that the applicant was enlarged on bail after his conviction under Section 389 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

4. Perused the papers. It is not in dispute that the applicant was on bail pending trial and that he has not abused or misused the liberty granted to him. The sentence awarded is a short term sentence. The Appeal has been admitted by a separate order passed today and the same is not likely to come up for the hearing in the immediate near future.

5. Considering the aforesaid, the application is allowed. The applicant's sentence is suspended and the applicant is enlarged on bail,

pending the hearing and final disposal of his Appeal, on the following terms and conditions :

ORDER

- (i) The Applicant be enlarged on bail on furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.10,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount;
 - (ii) The applicant shall inform his latest place of residence and mobile contact number immediately after being released and/or change of residence or mobile details, if any, from time to time to the trial Court as well as to the concerned Police Station, in writing.
6. The Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed of.
7. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.