

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1126 OF 2017

Irshad Mukhtar Shaikh	...Applicant
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra	...Respondent

Ms.Ameeta Kuttikrishnan appointed adv. for applicant
Ms.J.S. Lohokare, APP for the State.

CORAM: A.M. BADAR, J.
DATED: 9th NOVEMBER 2017

PC:-

1. The applicant/accused in Crime No.44 of 2015 registered with police station Colaba, for the offences punishable under Sections 376(D), 354, 363, 506 r/w 34 of the Indian Penal Code and under Section 4 and 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, is seeking his release on bail during the pendency of the trial.

2. Heard the learned advocate Ms. Ameeta Kuttikrishnan appearing for the accused as well as the learned APP for the State.

3. Considering the nature of the offence alleged against the present applicant as well as the fact that the trial has commenced and three prosecution witnesses are already examined, I do not feel it expedient to grant bail to the applicant at this stage. Hence, the following order.

ORDER

- i) The application is rejected.
- ii) However, evidence in the matter has already been commenced. The learned trial Court is directed to decide Sessions Case No.316 of 2015 arising out of Crime No.44 of 2015 within a period of 6 months from the date of this order
- iii) Parties to act on authenticated copy of this order.

(A.M. BADAR, J)