

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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.1253 OF 2016

Mayur Ajit Katkade & Anr.

...Applicants

vs.

Meena Santosh Kokate & Anr.

...Respondents

Mr. Ajeet Shirodkar i/b Mr. Akash R. Bhalchim for the Applicants.

Mr. Ritesh Ratnam i/b Ms. Meghna A. Gowalani for Respondent No.1.

Ms. M. H. Mhatre,APP for Respondent No.2.

CORAM : A.S.OKA AND

ANUJA PRABHUDESSAI,JJ.

DATE : 10/01/2017.

P.C.:

1. Not on board. Taken on board.

2. Heard learned counsel for the Applicants and learned counsel for the first Respondent. The prayer in this Application under section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 is for quashing the charge-sheet filed for the offence punishable under section 354 (A) as well as section 8 and 12 of Protection of Children from the Sexual Offence Act, 2012 read with 34 of the Indian Penal code. The victim is a minor. The mother of the victim has no authority to grant consent or to compromise on behalf of the minor. The allegations made against the Petitioners in the FIR constitute very serious offence affecting the society at large.

3. Hence, no case is made out to entertain this application on the basis of so called settlement. Accordingly, application is rejected. We make it clear that we have not made any adjudication on merits of the charge -sheet.

(ANUJA PRABHUDESSAI,J)

(A.S.OKA,J.)