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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO.1785 OF 2018

Prasad@ Digambar Vinayak Sawant ...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr.B.G.Tangsali, for the Applicant.

Ms.P.P.Shinde, A.P.P for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.

DATE : 31st OCTOBER, 2018

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1. This is the third bail application preferred by the applicant. The first bail application of the applicant was withdrawn by the learned counsel for the Applicant, after arguing for some time and the same is recorded in the order dated 18th August, 2017, passed in Criminal Bail Application No.686 of 2017. However, vide the said order, the trial of the applicant was expedited. The second bail application was also withdrawn, by the learned counsel for the Applicant, after arguing for some time and accordingly, the second bail application was dismissed as withdrawn and the

same is recorded in the order dated 17th April, 2018, passed in Criminal Bail Application No.790 of 2018.

2. By this third bail application, the Applicant seeks his enlargement on bail in connection with C.R.No.213 of 2015, registered with the Kalachowky Police Station, Mumbai, for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 302 of the Indian Penal Code and under Section 37(1)(A), 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act.

3. Learned Counsel for the Applicant does not press this application on merits. He submits that there has been no progress in the trial of the Applicant, despite the fact that the trial of the applicant was expedited by this Court vide order dated 18th August, 2017. He submitted that there is no progress in the case, after the charge was framed on 2nd July, 2016. Learned Counsel requests that the trial Court be directed to decide the case expeditiously, within a specified period.

4. Learned APP states that the matter is posted on 14th November, 2018 and that witness summons have been issued.

5. The trial of the applicant has already been expedited. It appears that there has been no progress in the trial since framing of charge i.e. 2nd July, 2016. Having regard to the same, the learned Judge shall conclude the trial, as expeditiously as possible and in any event on or before 31st April, 2019.

6. The Application is disposed of with the aforesaid direction.

7. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.)