

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

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3012 OF 2017

Pravin Dattatraya Chougale.	... Applicant.
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra.	... Respondent.

Mr. Satyavrat Joshi, advocate for Applicant.

Ms. Veera Shinde, APP for State.

**CORAM : SMT.SADHANA S. JADHAV,J
DATE : FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

P.C.:

1 The report of the Additional Sessions Judge, Pune dated 15/1/2018 is received. It shows that the charge could not be framed for want of presence of the original accused No. 4. Execution of non-bailable warrant issued against the accused No. 4 is pending for a very long time. In these circumstances, the learned Sessions Judge would separate the trial of original accused No. 4 and proceed with the trial of the other accused especially, the present applicant, who is in custody since 26/9/2011. In fact, by now the trial ought to have

been concluded. The case was scheduled before the Sessions Court on 12/2/2018 i.e. today.

2 The learned Sessions Court shall not be oblivious of the fact that the applicant is in custody for about 6 and half years without even framing of charge. The learned Sessions Judge shall frame charge at the earliest and preferably within one week from the date of receipt of this order and proceed with the trial forthwith and conclude the same preferably within 9 months from the date of framing of charge.

3 With these observations, the application stands disposed of accordingly.

(SMT. SADHANA S. JADHAV,J)