

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO.279 OF 2022**

Vikas Baban Shinde ... Applicant
versus
The State of Maharashtra ... Respondent

Mr. Sachin H. Deokar, for Applicant.
Mr. Yogesh Y. Dabke, APP, for State.

CORAM: N.J.JAMADAR, J.

DATE : 7th JULY, 2022

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1. Heard the learned Advocate for the Applicant. The learned Advocate invites the attention the Court to an order dated 3rd July, 2018 passed in Bail Application No.344 of 2018. From the perusal of the said order, it becomes evident that the Court was not inclined to consider the application for bail.

2. In view of the aforesaid observations, I am not inclined to entertain the application.

3. The learned Advocate for the Applicant thus seeks directions for expeditious completion of the trial. The Applicant was arrested on 5th February, 2017. The Advocate for the Applicant, on instructions, submits that the charge has yet not been framed.

4. In the circumstances of the case, since the Applicant is in custody for almost five and half years, it may be expedient to request the learned Sessions Judge to

frame the charge against the Applicant, if not already framed, by 30th July, 2022 and make an endeavour to complete the trial by 31st March, 2023.

5. In the event the trial is not completed by 31st March, 2023, the Applicant may revive the prayer for bail.

6. With the aforesaid directions, the Application stands disposed.

(N.J.JAMADAR,J.)