

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

945 BAIL APPLICATION NO.971 OF 2023

BHARAT BHUDA KOLI
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Kulkarni Suniket Anil,
Ms. Jakhade Rutuja L.
APP for Respondent-State : Ms. V. N. Patil-Jadhav.
Advocate for Respondent No.2 : Mr. M. M. Deshmukh.
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CORAM : S. G. MEHARE, J.
DATE : 14.07.2023

PER COURT :-

1. Heard the learned counsel for the applicant, learned APP for the respondent-State and the learned counsel for the victim/respondent No.2. Vakalatnama on behalf of respondent No.2 is taken on record.

2. It is the case of penetrative sexual assault with a mentally challenged girl of 12 years old. Considering the material against the applicant, the Court expressed disinclination to grant the bail. However, the learned counsel for the applicant requested to direct the Trial Court to complete the trial within six months as he is languishing in jail since May 2019. The request appears just. The Trial Court has already ordered to expedite the trial. If the matter is made time

bound, it would serve purpose of the POCSO Act. Hence, learned counsel for the applicant, on instructions, seeks leave to withdraw the bail application. Leave granted.

3. Learned Trial Judge is directed to complete the trial within six months from the receipt of this order subject to the co-operation of the accused and the prosecution.

4. Bail Application stands dismissed as withdrawn.

(S. G. MEHARE, J.)

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