

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

922 BAIL APPLICATION NO.2030 OF 2022

**RAFEEQ RASHID TADVI
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA**

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr.Bhosle Abhaysinh K.
APP for Respondent-State : Mr.S.P. Sonpawale
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CORAM : S. G. MEHARE, J.

DATE : 18/01/2023

PER COURT :

1. Heard the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned APP for the respondent State.

2. Perused the report of the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Bhusawal about the status of the trial. It appears that most of the time was spent due to COVID-19, however, the charge could not be framed as the accused was not produced. In the age technology and availability of the Video Conferencing facility, charge may be framed by producing the accused on Video Conference. This practice ought to have been adopted by the Court, but in this case, it did not appear that such a good practice was adopted. Even with consent of the accused, the trial may be conducted by producing the accused on Video Conference. In the light of this fact, application

stands disposed of with a direction to the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Bhusawal to expedite the trial by securing the presence of the accused on Video Conference for framing the charge and even for conducting the trial, provided the prosecution and the defence should support the Court.

(S. G. MEHARE)
JUDGE

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