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

**BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2748/2022
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION ST. 8711/2021
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.368/2023
IN
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2748/2022
(THROUGH JAIL)**

SURAJ MAHATAM MANDAL

..APPLICANT

VS.

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

..RESPONDENT

Adv. Trupti Khamkar for the applicant.
Ms. A. A. Takalkar, APP for State.
PSI Vilas Tambe, Dindoshi Police Station.

CORAM : M. S. KARNIK, J.

DATE : MARCH 1, 2023.

P.C. :

- 1.** Heard learned counsel for the applicant and learned APP.
- 2.** This is an application for bail through jail. The applicant is in custody since February 15, 2016 for a period of 7 years. This is a case of long incarceration. However, the trial has commenced and two witnesses have already been examined.
- 3.** With the assistance of learned counsel and learned

APP, I have gone through the order passed by the trial Court. The accusations are serious. Now that the trial has commenced, considering that the applicant is in custody for almost 7 years, the trial Court is requested to expedite the trial and conclude the same preferably within a period of six (6) months from today.

4. This order be placed on record for consideration of the trial Court.

5. The application is disposed of.

6. The Interim Applications are also disposed of.

7. I express my gratitude for the able assistance rendered by learned counsel Ms. Trupti Khamkar who appeared on behalf of the applicant and argued in support of the applicant's case.

8. This order be communicated to the applicant through Jail Authorities.

(M. S. KARNIK, J.)