

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

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.364 OF 2022

Sakshi Santosh Karandule Appellant

versus

State of Maharashtra & Anr. Respondents

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- Mr. Abhijit P. Kulkarni, Advocate for Appellant.
- Mr. S. R. Agarkar, APP for the State/Respondent No.1
- Mr. Mahesh H. Chandanshiv (Appointed) Advocate for Respondent No.2.

CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 16th FEBRUARY, 2023

P.C. :

1. After arguing for some time, when I expressed my disinclination to grant relief, learned counsel for the Appellant seeks permission to withdraw this Appeal with liberty to prefer regular Bail Application before the Special Court/Court incharge for cases under the the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, after giving prior notice to the first informant and the investigating agency. He submitted that the directions be issued to the Special Judge, for

deciding the Bail Application at the earliest and as far as possible on that very date itself, considering the fact that the Appellant is a lady and there are political overtones to the matter and also because the Appellant is on interim protection granted by this Court since 08/04/2022.

2. The request is reasonable. The Appeal is allowed to be withdrawn with liberty to the Appellant to approach the Special Court/Court incharge under the Atrocities Act, for her release on regular bail after her surrender or if she is arrested. After such application is preferred, with prior notice to the first informant, as well as to the investigating agency, the learned Special Judge shall try to decide that application on that day itself as far as possible.

3. With these observations, the Appeal is allowed to be withdrawn and is disposed of as such.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)