

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

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1296 OF 2023

KHIRSINDHU @ SINDHU JOHNSAN
SURENDRA PRADHAN

..APPLICANT

VS.

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

..RESPONDENT

Mr. Prasad B. Kulkarni i/b Mr. Tanmay S. Karwa, for the Applicant.

Mr. N.B. Patil, APP for the State.

PSI- Mr. Somnath Jaywant Kachwe, Shikrapur Police Station, Pune Rural present.

CORAM : M. S. KARNIK, J.

DATE : SEPTEMBER 04, 2023

P.C. :

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

2. This is an application for bail in respect of the offence punishable under sections 302 the Indian Penal Code (hereafter 'IPC' for short) registered vide C.R. No.0253 of 2019 with Shikrapur Police Station, Pune Rural. The date of the FIR is 20/04/2019. The applicant is arrested on 22/04/2019.

3. My attention is invited to the order dated 04/04/2022 passed by this Court in the first bail application filed by the applicant. The

application for bail was rejected by this Court on merits. This Court, however, expedited the trial with liberty to the applicant to renew the request for bail after 6 months if there is no substantial progress in the trial.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant submitted that except for framing charges, there is no progress in the trial. Though learned counsel for the applicant submitted that the applicant should be enlarged on bail on the ground of long incarceration, in the present facts and circumstances, considering the observations made by this Court in the order dated 04/04/2022, I am not inclined to enlarge the applicant on bail on the ground of long incarceration. I consider it appropriate to request the trial Court to conclude the trial within a period of one year from the date when this order is placed before the trial Court. Liberty to the applicant to apply afresh if trial does not progress substantially.

5. The bail application is disposed of.

(M. S. KARNIK, J.)