

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO.2008 OF 2023

Shivshankar Sastanand Sharma Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra Respondents

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- Mr. Shailesh Kharat a/w Nagesh Khedkar a/w Prithviraj Deshmukh, Advocate for Applicant.
- Mr. Arfan Sait, APP for the State/Respondent.

CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 31st AUGUST, 2023

P.C. :

1. On the last occasion I had called for the report from the Trial Judge as to why the Trial had not progressed till today. The learned Trial Judge has submitted a report dated 28/08/2023. I have perused that report. It is mentioned in the report that now the trial is fixed for recording of evidence and the evidence was to be recorded from today i.e. 31/08/2023.

2. Considering this report that recording of the evidence is starting from today, the prosecution can be given an

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opportunity to lead the evidence at the earliest. I am inclined to make the trial time bound. Learned counsel for the Applicant submitted that if the trial is not concluded within the time limit as prescribed by this Court, then he may be permitted to move fresh application for bail.

3. Considering this request, since he is not pressing this application at this stage, the trial is made time bound. The learned Trial Judge is requested to conclude the Trial within four months from today. As far as possible, the learned Trial Judge shall conduct it on a day to day basis. If the trial is not concluded within four months from today, the Applicant is at liberty to make a fresh application for bail before this Court on that ground.
4. With these observations and liberty, the application is disposed of as not pressed.
5. Both the sides shall co-operate with the disposal of the trial within the time frame.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)