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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 3410 OF 2023
IN
APPEAL NO. 425 OF 2018**

Anil K. Patil	...Applicant
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra	...Respondent

Mr. Kuldeep Patil i/b Mr. V.V. Salunke for the Applicant.
Ms M.M. Deshmukh, APP for the Respondent/State.

CORAM	:	NITIN W. SAMBRE & N. R. BORKAR, JJ.
DATE	:	1 NOVEMBER, 2023.

PC:-

1. The trial Court vide judgment and order dated 7 March 2018 in Sessions Case No. 24 of 2013 convicted the applicant/ original accused No.4 for the offences punishable under Sections 302 and 201 read with 149 of the Indian Penal Code and sentenced to life imprisonment.
2. The fact remains that the applicant has already undergone more than 11 years' of imprisonment till date.
3. Apart from above, the other co-accused who are informed to be similarly circumstanced co-accused viz. Pradip and Baliram are ordered to be released on bail by the Apex Court vide orders dated 18 August 2022 and 1 February 2022.
4. In this backdrop, apart from principle of parity, the applicant having undergone more than 11 years of imprisonment and based on the law laid down by the Apex

Court in the matter of ***Sonadhar vs. State of Chhattisgarh***¹, we deem it appropriate to allow the Application thereby directing to release the applicant – Anil Patil by furnishing P.R. Bond of Rs.25,000/- with one or two sureties of like amount.

5. The applicant shall attend the concerned police station once in a month, i.e., on first Saturday between 11:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. till disposal of his appeal.

(N.R. BORKAR, J.)

(NITIN W. SAMBRE, J.)

¹ 2022 LiveLaw (SC) 788