

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3478 OF 2022

Mr. Akash Dipak Bahot

....Applicant

Versus

State of Maharashtra

....Respondent

Mr. Satyam H. Nimbalkar a/w Mr. Abhishek U. Arote for the Applicant.

Ms. Anamika Malhotra, APP, for the Respondent-State.

Mr. V. V. Phatate for the Intervenor.

Mr. Tukaram Rathod – API Daund Police Station, Pune, present.

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CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 9th OCTOBER, 2023.

P.C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the applicant and learned APP.
2. Learned counsel for the applicant, on instructions, seeks leave to withdraw the application.
3. Considering the request of learned counsel for the applicant, application is allowed to be withdrawn and disposed of.
4. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that applicant is behind bar for more than five years. The trial has commenced but

only one witness has been examined, it may take time to conclude the trial. Moreover, earlier the direction was given by this Court vide order dated 8th April, 2023 (Coram: Bharti Dangre, J) in spite of that, trial is not expedited hence direction be given to expedite the trial and dispose it of within six months.

5. Learned APP, on instructions, submits that as per the list, 25 witness names have been cited. The prosecution would take efforts to complete the trial as early as possible.

6. Considering the submissions of both learned counsel, as well as applicant is behind bar for more than five years. Earlier this Court vide order dated 8th April, 2023 (Coram: Bharti Dangre, J) had directed the trial Court to expedite the trial. The Trial Court is requested to dispose of the trial as early as possible preferably within one year from the receipt of the order of this Court.

7. Application is disposed off.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)