

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.3607 OF 2023

Vishakha Ashok Potawe ...Applicant

vs.

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr. Shriganesh Sawalkar a/w. Mr. Hare Krishna Mishra, Ms. Poonam Karande, Ms. Manjiri Dhuri, Ms. Gayatri Yadav, Ms. Megha Shelke, for the Applicant.

Mr. Tanveer Khan, APP, for the Respondent/State.

CORAM : N. J. JAMADAR, J.

DATE : APRIL 24, 2024

P.C.:

1. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.
2. This is the third application for bail. The first was rejected by this Court by an order dated 18th September, 2020 ascribing reasons. The second was withdrawn on 20th September, 2021. As the first application was rejected on merits, there is no propriety in entertaining the application for bail.
3. The learned counsel, on instruction, seeks leave to withdraw the application.
4. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been in custody since 27th November, 2019 and the trial has yet not commenced. Therefore, the trial be expedited.
5. As the applicant has been in custody since 27th November, 2019, the prayer for a direction for expeditious hearing appears

justifiable.

6. The application thus stands dismissed as withdrawn.

7. The learned Additional Sessions Judge seized with Sessions Case No. 195 of 2020 arising out of C.R. No. 591 of 2019 is requested to make an endeavour to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of one year from the date of communication of this order.

(N. J. JAMADAR, J.)