

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 705 OF 2024

Sagar Eknath Sali

... Appellant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr.

... Respondents

Mr. Santosh Bhosale (Through V. C.) for the Appellant.

Ms. Shilpa G. Talhar APP for the Respondent No. 1-State.

Mr. Ketan Shivaji Kapse, P.C. Yeola City Police Station, Nashik is present.

CORAM : SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.

DATE : 29 JULY 2024.

P.C. :

- 1) Heard learned counsel appearing for Appellant.
- 2) Issue notice to Respondent No.2, returnable on 28 August 2024.
- 3) Investigating Officer shall record statement of Respondent No.2 as to whether he proposes to engage Advocate to oppose the Appeal. It is made clear that if Respondent No. 2 fails to engage Advocate on the next date of hearing, this Court shall proceed to appoint Advocate to represent Respondent No.2.

4) Perusal of the F.I.R. would *prima facie* indicate that the only allegation against the appellant is in respect of the alleged defamation of the complainant.

5) In that view of the matter, Appellant shall not be arrested till the next date of hearing.

[SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.]