

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 987 OF 2024**

Santosh Kumar Bharmhakumar Sharma	...	Applicant
vs.		
The State of Maharashtra and another	...	Respondents

Ms. Sana Shaikh a/w. Ms. Maya Updeshe for applicant.

Ms. Rutuja Anil Ambekar, APP for respondent No.1-State.

**CORAM : MANISH PITALE, J.
DATE : 18th NOVEMBER, 2024**

P.C. :

1. In this application, offence under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 is also registered against the applicant, apart from offence under Section 354 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860. The victim is made party respondent No.2, who is said to be present in Court today. It would be appropriate that she is granted legal aid.

2. Accordingly, the High Court Legal Services Committee is directed to appoint an advocate from its panel to represent respondent No.2. The applicant shall furnish a copy of the application to the office of the High Court Legal Services Committee within one week from today.

3. Since the applicant was arrested on 17.08.2022, list this application at the end of the supplementary list on 28.11.2024.

(MANISH PITALE, J)