

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

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3410 OF 2024

Wajid Haroon Shaikh	...	Applicant
Versus		
The State of Maharashtra	...	Respondent

Mr. Afzal Payak for the Applicant.
Mr. Mayur S. Sonavane, APP for Respondent-State.

**CORAM: MANISH PITALE, J.
DATE : 21st AUGUST 2024**

P.C. :

- . Not on board. Mentioned by way of praecipe.
2. In this application, it is found that offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 are registered against the applicant. Hence, the victim will have to be joined as party. Leave is granted to amend the application to add the victim as party respondent No.2, by appropriately concealing her identity, within one week from today.
3. Thereupon, issue notice to respondent No.2, returnable on **23rd September 2024 (High on Board)**.
4. The respondent No.2 shall be served through the Investigating Officer, for which purpose the applicant shall provide an additional set of papers to the Investigating Officer.

5. It is specifically mentioned on behalf of the applicant that he has remained behind bars for more than seven years and that presently, 13 witnesses have been examined.

6. The learned APP shall take specific instructions as regards the status of the trial and as to how long will the prosecution take to examine the remaining witnesses.

7. List for further consideration on 23rd September 2024 (High on Board).

MANISH PITALE, J.