

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.139 OF 2024
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.31 OF 2024

Vinayak Shantwan Shinde Applicant
versus
The State of Maharashtra & Anr. Respondents

Ms. Pooja Agrawal for the Applicant.

Mr. Sukanta Karmakar A.P.P. for the Respondent-State.

Ms. Sakshee Chavan, appointed Advocate for Respondent No.2.

**CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE &
SHYAM C. CHANDAK, JJ.**

DATE : 27th JUNE, 2024

P.C. :

1. Vide order dated 2nd April, 2024 we had directed the learned APP to ask the concerned officer of the concerned police station to inform the respondent No.2 of the next date. The concerned officer was also directed to record the statement of the respondent No.2, as to whether the respondent No.2 intends to engage an advocate of her own choice, or would want an advocate from the Legal Aid Panel to espouse

her cause. The said statement was to be produced before the next date.

2. Today, the learned APP has produced a report of the Sr.P.I. attached to Yerwada Police Station, Pune dated 17th April, 2022. From the said report, it appears that the police had taken efforts to contact the respondent No.2, however, she could not be traced and hence, the notice could not be served on the respondent No.2. The said report is taken on record.

3. Considering the report and since the application cannot be kept pending for very long, we deem it appropriate to appoint Ms.Sakshee Chavan, who is on the panel of Advocates of the Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority.

4. Learned APP to serve a copy of the application on Ms.Chavan, learned appointed Advocate on or before 29th June, 2024.
Statement accepted.

5. Stand over to **4th July, 2024.**

SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.

REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.