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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRI-INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 3513 OF 2025
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 10 OF 2021

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Pratik Vilas Gangan ...Applicant
Versus
State Of Maharashtra And Anr ...Respondents

Mr. Rohit Mahadik through V.C. a/w Mr. Amit Waykool Advocate for
the Applicant.

Mr. Ranjit Agashe, Through Leagal Aid Committee for Respondent
No. 2.

Mr. N. B. Patil, APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 13th NOVEMBER, 2025.

PC.

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking suspension of
sentence imposed on him.

2. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the
applicant has been convicted by learned Extra Joint District Judge &
Additional Sessions Judge, Ratnagiri, under Section 376 of the Indian
Penal Code, 1860 and under Sections 4 and 6 of Protection of
Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and sentenced to suffer

rigorous imprisonment for 10 years and directed to pay fine of Rs. 5,000/- in each offence and in default to suffer simple imprisonment for 6 months. He further submitted that the applicant has undergone 6 years imprisonment out of 10 years imprisonment. It may take time to dispose of the appeal. Hence, requested to allow the Application.

3. It is the contention of learned APP along with respondent no. 2 that prosecution has proved the case against the applicant beyond doubt. Accordingly, applicant has been convicted. If the applicant released on bail he may abscond. Hence, requested to reject the application.

4. I have heard all learned counsel. Perused the impugned judgment and order.

5. The applicant is behind bar more than 6 years out of 10 years sentence imposed on him. It may take time to dispose of the appeal. Considering these facts, the applicant's sentence is suspended and he be enlarged on bail, till pending the hearing and final disposal the appeal, on the following terms and conditions.

ORDER

The applicant be enlarged on bail on furnishing
P. R. Bond in the sum of Rs.20,000/- with one
or two sureties in the like amount.

6. Interim Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and disposed off.
7. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)