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

Interim Application No.4304 of 2024

In

Criminal Writ Petition No.705 of 2017

Ashiq A Merchant

... Applicant

In the matter between

Ashiq A Merchant

... Petitioner

versus

The State of Maharashtra and Ors.

... Respondents

Mr Hassan Khan, i/b. Iqbal Shaikh, for the applicant.

Mr Yogesh Y Dabke, APP, for respondent No.1/ State.

Mr JS Kini, for respondents No. 2 to 4.

PSI NV Aubhule, Marine Drive Police Station, Mumbai, is present.

Coram: R.N. Laddha, J.

Date: 6 February 2025.

P.C.:

. Heard.

2, Issue notice to the respondents. Mr JS Kini waives service of notice on behalf of respondents No.2 to 4, and seeks time to file a reply affidavit. Reply affidavit shall be filed on or before the next date.

3. Stand over to **7 April 2025.**

(R.N. Laddha, J.)