

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

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 12 OF 2024

Sreeraj Raghunath K. .Applicant

vs.

Union of India & anr. .Respondents

Mr. Sachin Shirke, Advocate, for the Applicant
Mr. S. K. Halwasia, APP, for Respondent No. 1

CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : 03.01.2025

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1. I have heard Mr. Shirke, learned Advocate for the Applicant and Mr. Halwasia, learned APP for the Respondent – State.

2. Both learned Advocates have though taken me through the facts of the matter. I have expressed my mind to Mr. Shirke. They have also apprised me of the progress of the trial. Eight witnesses have already been examined. Mr. Shirke, learned Advocate for the Applicant would place roznama of the matter on record to show that it is part-heard before the trial Court and would submit that learned APP appearing there has informed the trial Court that in all probability, the prosecution shall be examining the 9th witness which may be its last witness. Needless to state that the decision of witness action/witnesses

on behalf of the prosecution will be that of the prosecution. The grievance expressed before me is that considering the fact that the Applicant is in judicial custody since 2022, the trial is almost under way and the witness action of the prosecution has not progressed since long.

3. Mr. Halwasia, learned APP for the Respondent No. 1 requests the Court to pass appropriate directions for expediting the trial. In view of the above submissions, learned trial Court is requested to expedite the trial according to its convenience. Prosecution shall also co-operate in ensuring that its witnesses are kept present. No further directions are required.

4. In view of the above, the Application stands dismissed.

(MILIND N. JADHAV, J.)