

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.1339 OF 2024

Sunil @ Sonu Jeelesingh

.. Applicant

Versus

State of Maharashtra and Anr.

.. Respondents

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- Mr. Ashutosh Tripathi a/w. Ms. Jyoti Agrahari, Advocates i/by Legal Point for Applicant.
- Mr. Hitendra J. Dedhia, APP for Respondent No.1 – State of Maharashtra.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : FEBRUARY 17, 2025

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Tripathi, learned Advocate for Applicant and Mr. Dedhia, learned APP for Respondent No.1 – State of Maharashtra.

2. This is an Application under Section 439 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short '**Cr.P.C.**') seeking Bail in connection with C.R. No.734 of 2021 registered with Vile Parle Police Station for offences punishable under Section 376(2)(J)(N) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short '**IPC**') and Sections 4, 6, 8 and 10 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short '**POCSO Act**').

3. Order dated 14.02.2025, stands complied with.

4. Mr. Dedhia, learned APP would inform the Court that he has received instructions and intimation from the Investigating Officer that

Respondent No.2 has requested for legal aid.

5. Considering the indictment and arrest of Applicant is for offences punishable under Sections of IPC and POCSO Act and in view of provisions of Section 439 of Cr.P.C., Ms. Vidhi Dugad, Advocate (Mobile No.7666201008) practising in this Court is appointed to represent and espouse the case of Respondent No.2.

6. The High Court Legal Services Committee of this Court is directed to give appointment letter and papers of the matter to the appointed Advocate forthwith in accordance with law through the legal aid.

7. Advocate for Applicant shall serve a copy of Application on the appointed Advocate forthwith. Appropriate instructions can be given by Respondent No.2 to the appointed Advocate so that the same can be placed before this Court on the next adjourned date.

8. Learned APP shall inform the Investigating Officer to furnish the details of Respondent No.2 to the appointed Advocate and through the Investigating Officer also give the details of the appointed Advocate to Respondent No.2 / guardian of Respondent No.2.

9. Stand over to **24th February, 2025**. To be placed under the caption '**First on Board**'.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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