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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1562 OF 2024

Smita Machhindra Satpute

.. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

.. Respondents

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- Mr. Rohit Singh a/w. Mr. Nitin Satpute and Mr. Nandkumar Pal, Advocates for Applicant.
 - Ms. Rajeshree V. Newton, APP for Respondent No.1 – State.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : FEBRUARY 26, 2025.

P.C.:

- 1.** Mentioned at the time of rising of the Court.
- 2.** Heard Mr. Singh, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Newton, learned APP for Respondent No.1 – State.
- 3.** In the present Application, Applicant is a woman. She is indicted in the offences punishable under Sections 8 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012; Section 67B of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and Section 80 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.
- 4.** The incident in question is of the year 2021 and the cognizance of which was taken only in the year 2023 when the FIR is lodged. Applicant is incarcerated for 1 year and 9 months. I am informed that Respondent No.1 has filed Affidavit-in-Reply.

5. List the Bail Application on Board on **12th March, 2025**.
6. Copy of this order shall be served on the Advocate for Respondent No.2 by the Advocate for Applicant.

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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