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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3418 OF 2024

Mahendra Kumar @ Mahesh Kumar Varma .. Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

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- Ms. Rashmi Bhandarkar, Advocate for Applicant.
 - Mr. Balraj K. Kulkarni, APP for Respondent – State.
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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : MARCH 03, 2025.

P.C.:

- 1.** Mentioned at the time of rising of the Court.
- 2.** Heard Ms. Bhandarkar, learned Advocate for Applicant and Mr. Kulkarni, learned APP for Respondent No.1 – State.
- 3.** This is an Application under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 seeking Regular Bail in connection with C.R.No.50 of 2024 registered with Vasind Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 376-AB and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 4, 6, 8 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.
- 4.** At the outset, Ms. Bhandarkar would submit that victim has not been impleaded as a party. She seeks leave and liberty of the Court to add the victim as party Respondent No.2 in the present

Application. Amendment is permitted to be carried out within a period of one week from today.

5. Issue notice to Respondent No.2. Humdast permitted.
6. Mr. Kulkarni, learned APP waives service on behalf of Respondent No.1 – State.
7. Additional copy of the Bail Application shall be filed in the Department by the Advocate for Applicant. In addition thereto, one spare copy of the Application shall be given to the Investigating Officer who is directed by this Court to depute a lady officer and take Respondent No.2's consent for legal representation, if so desired.
8. Let the aforesaid exercise be completed within a period of three weeks from today.
9. List the Bail Application on Board on **24th March, 2025**. To be listed '**For Directions**'.

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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