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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3687 OF 2024

Mohammed Asif Munir Siddiqui	.. Applicant
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra and Anr.	.. Respondents

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- Mr. Tejas Bhattacharya, Advocate i/by Maaz Ansari for Applicant.
 - Mr. Balraj B. Kulkarni, APP for Respondent No.1 – 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 Mr. Bhattacharya, 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.70 of 2020 registered with Kurar Police Station, Mumbai for the offences punishable under Sections 342, 354, 377, 504 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 4, 6 and 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.
- 4.** At the outset, Mr. Bhattacharya would submit that victim has not been impleaded as a party. He 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 forthwith in the presence of the Court. Re-verification stands dispensed with.

5. Issue notice to Respondent No.2.
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. List the Bail Application on Board on **10th March, 2025**. To be listed '**For Directions**'.

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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