

accused persons are decided by a particular Judge, the applications of other accused persons shall be listed before the Roster Judge and not before the Judge, who has dealt with the bail applications of co-accused persons. The relevant portion of order of the Supreme Court reads as follows:

- “10. We, therefore, clarify that if in a particular High Court, the bail applications are assigned to different single Judge/Bench, in that event, all the applications arising out of same FIR should be placed before one learned Judge.
11. This would ensure that there is a consistency in the views taken by the learned judge in different bail applications arising out of the same FIR.
12. However, if on account of change of the roster, the learned judge who was earlier dealing with the bail matters is not taking up the bail matters, the aforesaid directions would not be applicable.
13. Further, we expect that in order to maintain consistency in the views taken by the Court, the learned judge, who will hear the subsequent applications filed for bail, may give due weightage to the views taken by the earlier judge, who had dealt with the bail applications arising out of the same FIR.
14. We find that if this is not followed and if the judges sitting in the Division Bench or thereafter taking up different assignments are required to take up the applications arising out of the same FIR, it may further delay the decisions in the bail matters.
15. The Registrar (Judl.) is directed to forward a copy of this order to the Registrar Generals of all the High Courts.”

4. In view of the aforementioned clarification issued by the Supreme Court, the present bail application shall now be listed before the appropriate Bench.

(MANISH PITALE, J)