

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 5021 OF 2024

Mr. Shakil Jahir Ahamad

...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

...Respondents

Ms. Pooja Phagnekar, learned Advocate for the Applicant.

Ms. Madhavi H. Mhatre, learned A.P.P. for the State/Respondent.

Ms. Samiksha Pawar (Appointed Advocate through Legal-aid), learned Advocate for Respondent No. 2.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATE : 10th JULY 2025.

P.C. :

1. Heard Ms. Pooja Phagnekar, learned Advocate for the Applicant and Ms. Madhavi Mhatre, learned A.P.P. for the State/Respondent.

2. Notice was issued to Respondent No. 2 on 26th June 2025.

3. Ms. Madhavi Mhatre, learned A.P.P. for the State/Respondent submits that the Investigating Officer has received a written request from Respondent No. 2 seeking legal assistance in the present matter.

4. In view of the request made by Respondent No. 2 for legal assistance, Ms. Samiksha Pawar, learned Advocate on the Legal-aid Panel of this Court, who is present in the Court, is requested to

represent Respondent No. 2.

5. At the request of the Court, Ms. Samiksha Pawar, learned Advocate has agreed to appear and represent the Complainant/Respondent No. 2 in the present Bail Application.

6. Ms. Madhavi Mhatre, learned A.P.P. is requested to communicate Respondent No. 2 about the appointment of Ms. Samiksha Pawar, learned Advocate, as his lawyer to represent him in the present Bail Application. Maharashtra Legal-aid Committee to take a note of appointment of Ms. Samiksha Pawar, learned Advocate, under the Legal-aid Scheme to represent Respondent No. 2 in the present Bail Application.

7. Ms. Pooja Phagnekar, learned Advocate for the Applicant assures the Court to furnish entire paper-book of the present Bail Application to Ms. Samiksha Pawar, learned Appointed Advocate, within a period of two days from today.

8. At the request of Ms. Samiksha Pawar, learned Appointed Advocate and by consent of the parties, list the matter on **21st July 2025**.

[ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.]

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