

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

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 5344 OF 2024

Prakash Roopchand Jagtap	...	Applicant
Versus		
The State of Maharashtra	...	Respondent

Ms. Apeksha Vora for the Applicant.
Dr. Ashvini A. Takalkar, APP for Respondent-State.

**CORAM: MANISH PITALE, J.
DATE : 5th FEBRUARY 2025**

P.C. :

. When the application is called out for hearing, the learned APP informs this Court that the victims in the present case have been served through the Investigating Officer. Both victims are minor and presently, they are in the custody of a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO). It is indicated that both the victims desire to avail legal-aid.

2. In view of the above, the High Court Legal Services Committee is directed to appoint an Advocate from its panel to represent both the victims, particularly because offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act) are also registered in the present case.

3. The applicant shall serve copy of the application on the office of the High Court Legal Services Committee by tomorrow (6th February 2025).

4. List the application for further consideration on 14th February 2025, to be included in the supplementary list.

MANISH PITALE, J.