

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

**BAIL APPLICATION NO. 19 OF 2025**

Sheetal Vasant Shegaonkar

...Applicant

**Versus**

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

**WITH**

**BAIL APPLICATION NO. 5434 OF 2024**

Manisha Gulab Pokharkar

...Applicant

**Versus**

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

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- Mr. Rajendra Rathod a/w Mr. Sohail Ahmed, Mr. Umar Dalvi and Mr. Ansari Modssir Siraj, for Applicant in BA/19/2025.
- Mr. Sudeep Pasbola, Senior Counsel a/w Mr. Rohin R. Chauhan, Ms. Mrunal Bhide, Mr. Rajan Gumani and Mr. Uttam Singh Rathore i/b Mr. Ayush Pasbola, for the Applicant in BA/5434/2024.
- Mr. P.P. Deokar, APP for Respondent.
- Mr. Sadanand Yerekar, PI, DCB CID, Unit-3, Mumbai City.

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**CORAM : MANISH PITALE, J.**

**DATE : 06<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025**

**P. C. :**

1. In these applications, the common ground being taken for seeking relief of bail is long period of incarceration suffered by the applicants, as they were arrested on 01<sup>st</sup> July, 2017 and there being little possibility of the trial being completed within a reasonable period of time.

2. Reference is made to a recent order dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2024, passed in the case of **Surekha Gorakshanath Gavle @ Surekha Prasad Kakad**

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**Vs. The State of Maharashtra** i.e. a co-accused person (Bail Application No.4904 of 2024), wherein this Court granted relief of bail only on the aforesaid ground.

3. Today, the learned APP submits that 32 witnesses are already examined and that only a few more witnesses are proposed to be examined by the prosecution in the present case.

4. It would be appropriate that affidavit of a responsible officer is filed on behalf of the respondent – State to give details to this Court as to how many further witnesses the prosecution intends to examine and whether the trial can be completed in the extended period of time i.e. by November, 2025.

5. The affidavit be filed within two weeks from today.

6. List both the applications for further consideration on **03<sup>rd</sup> March, 2025, “High on Board.”**

**(MANISH PITALE, J.)**