

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

***CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 113 OF 2024
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 429 OF 2024
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 113 OF 2024***

Eknath Tukaram Sutar

... Appellant/
Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Mr. Aniket Vagal for the Appellant/Applicant

Dr. Uday Warunjikar, Appointed Advocate for
Appellant/Applicant

Mrs. Kranti T. Hiwrale, A.P.P for the Respondent-State

***CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE &
DR. NEELA GOKHALE, JJ.
WEDNESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY 2025***

P.C :

1 Advocate Ms. Soniya Miskin was appointed by the High Court Legal Service Committee, to espouse the cause of the applicant. Ms. Miskin prepared elaborate notes and was ready with the matter. Since the appellant had raised certain objections

with respect to Ms. Miskin, this Court appointed Dr. Warunjikar, who is also on the panel of the Advocates of the High Court Legal Services Committee, to espouse the cause of the appellant. Even he is ready with the appeal.

2 Today, Mr. Vagal, a private advocate, states that the appellant has instructed him to appear on his behalf.

3 Considering that the appellant is in a position to engage a private advocate, which he is certainly entitled to, for availing the services of the counsel on the panel of the High Court Legal Services Committee, we deem it appropriate to direct the appellant to pay cost of Rs. 5000/- to Ms. Miskin and Rs. 5,000/- to Dr. Warunjikar. The same to be paid within one week from today. Mr. Vagal assures us that the same will be done within one week.

4 We permit Mr. Vagal to file his vakalatnama on behalf of the appellant. Hence, Dr. Warunjikar is discharged from the present case.

5 Stand over to 26th February 2025.

DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J.

REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.