

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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 1344 OF 2019**

Nagesh Devram Gholap

..Appellant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr.

..Respondents

**WITH  
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 4700 OF 2024  
WITH  
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 250 OF 2019  
IN  
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 1344 OF 2019**

Mr. Lokesh Zade for Appellant.

Mr. Avinash A. Naik, APP for State/Respondent.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL &  
MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, JJ.**

**DATE : 23 JUNE 2025**

**PC :**

1. In this case, the office remark shows that the Respondent No.2 is served, however, nobody is representing her. Therefore, the Legal Services Authority of this Court is requested to appoint a suitable Advocate from their panel to represent the Respondent No.2, if not appointed already pursuant to the order dated 06.01.2025. The office shall handover all the necessary papers to

the appointed Advocate.

2. Mr. Zade, learned counsel who has filed this Appeal has pointed out a letter sent through jail by the Appellant, wherein, it was mentioned that, under some information the Appellant is under the impression that Mr. Zade is no more. Obviously, this information is not correct. Mr. Zade is very much present before the Court today. By the same letter, the Appellant has requested for appointment of a senior advocate.

3. Therefore, Legal Services Authority of this Court is requested to have video conference with the Appellant regarding this issue and seek his response. If he still insists in appointing a senior advocate from the panel, the Legal Services Authority may consider his request. But this shall be done at the earliest considering the period for which the Appellant is in custody.

4. For further consideration and for fixing the early date of hearing, the matter be listed on 10.07.2025.

(MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J.)

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)