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

APPEAL NO. 873 OF 2025

Saurabh Bapu Khomane

...Appellant

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

...Respondents

Mr. Pawan Mali a/w Mr. Rupesh A. Zade	Advocate for the Appellant
Mr. Ashok Gawai	APP for the State/Respondent
Ms. Vilasini B.	Advocate for Respondent No.2.

CORAM : S. M. MODAK, J.

DATE : 12th SEPTEMBER 2025

P.C. :-

1. Heard Learned Counsel for the Appellant, Learned APP and Learned Counsel for the First Informant. All the Counsel argued as to how the provisions of the Scheduled Casts and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 are not applicable and how they are applicable. Mr. Mali has argued the alleged intercourse on one hand was with force and on the other hand by consent. Both the allegations cannot stand together. There was submissions on the other

side that the victim was threatened about publication of the photographs. Mr. Mali wants to rely on WhatsApp chat.

2. Stand over to 16th September 2025.

[S. M. MODAK, J.]