

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.206 OF 2025

Hashim @ Asim Nasim Shaikh

.. Applicant

Versus

State of Maharashtra and Anr.

.. Respondents

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- Mr. Vinayak Reddy, Advocate for Applicant.
- Ms. Mahalakshmi Ganapathy, APP for Respondent No.1 - State of Maharashtra.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : FEBRUARY 10, 2025

P.C.:

- 1.** Mentioned out of turn at the time of rising of the Court.
- 2.** Heard Mr. Reddy, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Ganapathy, learned APP for Respondent No.1 - State of Maharashtra.
- 3.** This is an Application seeking Bail in connection with C.R. No.294 of 2024 registered with Pant Nagar Police Station for offences punishable under Sections 354, 354-A, 509 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short '**IPC**') and Sections 8, 11 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short '**POCSO**').
- 4.** Applicant is arrested under various provisions under IPC and POCSO Act.
- 5.** Issue notice to private Respondent No.2. Ms. Ganapathy, learned APP for Respondent No.1 – the State of Maharashtra waives

service on behalf of State of Maharashtra.

6. Humdast permitted. In addition to Court's notice, Applicant is directed to serve and inform Respondent No.2 about the next date of hearing by any permissible mode of service and file appropriate affidavit of service with tangible proof thereof. Copy of Application alongwith copy of this order shall be served on Complainant by Applicant through Investigating Officer within a period of two weeks from today.

7. Private Respondent can through the Investigating Officer of the case inform whether she requires legal representation. Concerned Investigating Officer shall also convey this order to the Private Respondent / legal guardian through a lady Police Officer and file appropriate report informing her consent through learned APP.

8. Stand over to 18th February, 2025 at 02:30 p.m.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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