

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.234 OF 2025

Iqrar Ahmed Aziz Ahmed

.. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

.. Respondents

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- None for Applicant.
- Ms. Mahalakshmi Ganapathy, APP for Respondent No.1.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : APRIL 23, 2025

P.C.:

- 1.** Mentioned out of turn at the time of rising of the Court.
- 2.** Heard Ms. Ganapathy, learned APP for Respondent No.1.
- 3.** Ms. Ganapathy, learned APP would inform the Court that orders dated 14.02.2025 and 01.04.2025 stand complied with.
- 4.** Considering the indictment and arrest of Applicant under provisions of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short '**POCSO Act**'), Ms. Keral Mehta, Advocate (Mobile No.9967026263) practicing in this Court is appointed as Advocate to represent and espouse the case of Respondent No.2.
- 5.** The High Court Legal Services Committee of this Court is directed to give appointment letter and papers of the matter to the appointed Advocate forthwith in accordance with law through the

legal aid.

6. Advocate for Applicant shall serve a copy of Application on the appointed Advocate forthwith. Appropriate instructions can be given by Respondent No.2 to the appointed Advocate so that the same can be placed before this Court on the next adjourned date.

7. Learned APP shall inform the Investigating Officer to furnish the details of First Informant to the appointed Advocate and through the Investigating Officer also give the details of the appointed Advocate to Respondent No.2 / guardian of Respondent No.2.

8. Stand over to **30th April, 2025.** To be placed under the caption '**For Directions**'.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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