

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.331 OF 2025

Arvind Rameshchandra Tiwari

.. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

.. Respondent

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- Mr. Omneel Jadhav, Advocate for Applicant.
- Ms. Mahalakshmi Ganapathy, APP for Respondent.
- Ms. Pratibha Muli, PSI, Mahatma Phule Chowk Police Station, Thane City.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : FEBRUARY 27, 2025

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Jadhav, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Ganapathy, learned APP for Respondent.

2. Pursuant to order dated 26.02.2025, Ms. Ganapathy, learned APP has taken specific instructions. Though in charge-sheet prosecution has stated that they would be leading evidence of more than 100 witnesses, Ms. Ganapathy, learned APP has informed the Court on instructions that prosecution will be examining around 8 to 10 witnesses and out of whom mostly apart from the Investigating Officer, they would be pancha witnesses.

3. Ms. Ganapathy, learned APP has taken instructions from learned prosecutor who is conducting trial and would inform the Court that there is some difficulty faced since some forensic documents are

not produced before the Trial Court. If that is the case, the Forensic Laboratory where documents / reports are pending shall immediately be placed by the said Director of Forensic Laboratory before Trial Court. The said Forensic Laboratory shall act on server copy of this order immediately.

4. Considering the long incarceration of Applicant which is *prima facie* striking the Court but balancing it with the peculiar facts of the present case and the gravity of the offence, I am inclined to accept the submissions made by Ms. Ganapathy, learned APP and direct completion of trial as expeditiously as possible and in any event within a period of six months from today. It is clarified that Applicant shall be at liberty to move this Court for bail, if trial does not conclude in the peculiar facts of the present case.

5. If Applicant is required to be produced from jail, prosecution is directed to produce the accused on the scheduled dates of hearing through jail considering the longevity of trial in the present case and the aforesaid directions of completion of trial.

6. With the above directions, Bail Application is disposed.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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