

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.511 OF 2025

Niraj Uttam Kate

.. Applicant

Versus

State of Maharashtra and Anr.

.. Respondents

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- Ms. Maya Updeshe, Advocate i/by Sana Shaikh for Applicant.
- Mr. Hitendra J. Dedhia, APP for Respondent No.1.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : FEBRUARY 25, 2025

P.C.:

1. Heard Ms. Updeshe, learned Advocate for Applicant and Mr. Dedhia, learned APP for Respondent No.1.

2. This is an Application under Section 439 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short '**Cr.P.C.**') seeking Bail in connection with C.R. No.343 of 2020 registered with Jogeshwari Police Station for offences punishable under Section 376 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short '**IPC**') and Sections 4, 8 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short '**POCSO Act**').

3. Mr. Dedhia, learned APP would inform the Court that order dated 18.02.2025 stands complied with.

4. Considering the indictment and arrest of Applicant under provisions of IPC and POCSO Act, Ms. Ashwini Achari, Advocate (Mobile No.7045690242) practising 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 **04th March, 2025**. To be placed under the caption '**First on Board**'.