

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.589 OF 2025

Sameer @ Lahu Ankush Naik

.. Applicant

Versus

State of Maharashtra

.. Respondent

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- None for Applicant.
- Ms. Mahalakshmi Ganapathy, APP for Respondent.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : FEBRUARY 14, 2025

P.C.:

- 1.** None for Applicant.
- 2.** Heard Ms. Ganapathy, APP for Respondent.
- 3.** This Application is received through jail. Applicant is incarcerated since 03.12.2019 for past more than five years.
- 4.** Considering the indictment and arrest of Applicant under Sections of IPC and POCSO Act and in view of provisions of Section 439 of Cr.P.C., Ms. Payal Vardhan, Advocate (Mobile No.7666111250) practising in this Court is appointed to represent and espouse the case of private Respondent.
- 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 this order and Application on the appointed Advocate immediately. Appropriate instructions can be given by private Respondent 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 private Respondent / guardian of private Respondent.

8. Respondent is directed to provide copy of charge-sheet to Advocate for Applicant and place the copy before this Court on the next adjourned date.

9. Stand over to **04th March, 2025**. To be placed under the caption '**For Directions**'.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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