

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.638 OF 2025

Rohit Ravindra Ghole

.. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

.. Respondents

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- Mr. Pravin Hanumant Padave, Advocate for Applicant.
- Ms. Mahalakshmi Ganapathy, APP for Respondent No.1.
- PSI – Suryakant Doke, Borivali Police Station.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : APRIL 09, 2025

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Padave, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Ganapathy, learned APP for Respondent No.1.

2. Applicant is indicted under Section 376 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860; Sections 4, 8 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short '**POCSO Act**') and Section 67B of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

3. Considering the indictment of Applicant and confirmation of the fact by learned APP that Bail Application which was pursued before Sessions Court has been withdrawn by Applicant on 24.03.2025, the present Application can be considered for bail.

4. In view of the above, issue notice to Respondent No.2. Humdast permitted. In addition to Court's notice, Applicant is directed

to serve a copy of this order and copy of the Application on the Investigating Officer directly.

5. Ms. Ganapathy, learned APP appears for Respondent – State of Maharashtra and waives service on behalf of State.

6. Investigating Officer is directed by this Court to depute a responsible lady Police Officer from Borivali Police Station to serve copy on Respondent No.2 and obtain her consent as to whether she requires legal representation through legal aid. The consent of Respondent No.2 shall be apprised to the Court on the next adjourned date through the learned APP. Let the aforesaid exercise be carried out before the next adjourned date.

7. Stand over to **16th April, 2025.** To be placed under the caption '**For Directions**'.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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