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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 666 OF 2025

Ritesh Jitendra Hase

.. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

.. Respondents

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- Mr. Sunny A. Waskar, Mr. Monil Thakkar and Ms. Bhavika Patil, Advocates i/by Manish Kanojia for Applicant.
 - Ms. Megha S. Bajoria, APP for Respondent No.1 – State.
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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : FEBRUARY 20, 2025.

P.C.:

- 1.** Heard Mr. Waskar, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Bajoria, learned APP for Respondent No.1 – State.
- 2.** This is an Application under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 seeking Regular Bail in connection with C.R.No.882 of 2024 registered with Malad Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 137(2) and 64(1) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 4 and 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.
- 3.** Issue notice to Respondent No.2.
- 4.** Ms. Bajoria, learned APP waives service on behalf of Respondent No.1 – State.

5. Additional copy of the Bail Application shall be filed in the Department by the Advocate for Applicant. In addition thereto, one spare copy of the Application shall be given to the Investigating Officer who is directed by this Court to depute a lady officer and take Respondent No.2's consent for legal representation, if so desired.

6. Stand over to **28th February 2025**. To be placed under the caption '**First on Board**'.

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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