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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 698 OF 2025

Rajkumar Mithailal Gupta

.. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

.. Respondents

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- Mr. Advait U. Shukla, Advocate for Applicant.
 - Mr. Sukanta A. Karmakar, APP for Respondent No.1 – State.
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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : FEBRUARY 20, 2025.

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Shukla, learned Advocate for Applicant and Mr. Karmakar, 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.475 of 2020 registered with Andheri Police Station, Mumbai for the offences punishable under Sections 376AB and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 4, 6, 8 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

3. Issue notice to Respondent No.2.

4. Mr. Karmakar, learned APP waives service on behalf of Respondent No.1 – State.

5. In addition to Court notice, Applicant is permitted to serve a copy of the Bail Application and this order on Respondent No.2 and inform her about the next date of hearing by any permissible mode of service and file appropriate Affidavit of service with tangible proof thereof on or before the next date.

6. After receiving notice, Respondent No.2 is directed to file her Affidavit-in-Reply on or before the next date, if so desired.

7. 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.

8. The aforesaid exercise be completed within a period of one week from today.

9. Stand over to **27th February 2025**. To be placed 'First on Board'.

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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