

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.764 OF 2025

Guddu Thambi Pandit .. Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and Anr. .. Respondents

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- Mr. Randhir Singh, Advocate for Applicant.
 - Ms. Shilpa K. Gajare – Dhumal, APP for Respondent No.1.
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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : FEBRUARY 21, 2025

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Singh, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Gajare – Dhumal, learned APP for Respondent No.1.

2. Applicant is indicted under provisions of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short '**BNS**') and more specifically under Sections 4, 6 and 8 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short '**POCSO**').

3. 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.

4. Ms. Gajare – Dhumal appears in this present matter and she waives service on behalf of Respondent No.1.

5. Investigating Officer is directed by this Court to depute a responsible lady Police Officer 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.

6. Stand over to **03rd March, 2025.** To be placed under the caption '**For Directions**'.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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