

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.845 OF 2025

Akash Laxman Kharwa .. Applicant
Versus
State of Maharashtra and Anr. .. Respondent

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- Mr. Satyajeet P. Dighe, Advocate for Applicant.
 - Mr. Hitendra J. Dedhia, APP for Respondent No.1.
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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : FEBRUARY 27, 2025

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Dighe, learned Advocate for Applicant and Mr. Dedhia, learned APP for Respondent No.1.

2. Applicant is indicted under provisions of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short 'POCSO').

3. Mr. Dedhia, learned APP appears for Respondent No.1. Learned APP waives service for Respondent No.1.

4. Issue notice to private 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. Investigating Officer is directed by this Court to depute a responsible lady Police Officer to serve copy of 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 **06th March, 2025**. To be placed under the caption '**For Directions**'.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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