

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.870 OF 2025

Pratik Ravindra Kendre .. Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

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- Mr. Ajay Dube, Advocate i/by Ashish Dubey for Applicant.
 - Mr. Balraj B. Kulkarni, APP for Respondent.
 - PSI – B. Pawar, Kurar Police Station.
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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : FEBRUARY 27, 2025

P.C.:

- 1.** Heard Mr. Dube, learned Advocate for Applicant and Mr. Kulkarni, learned APP for Respondent.
- 2.** Applicant is indicted under provisions of Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short 'POCSO').
- 3.** It is seen that Applicant has not impleaded the victim / legal guardian of victim as Respondent. Hence, Applicant is directed to implead victim / legal guardian of victim as party through the Senior Inspector of Police, Kurar Police Station as Respondent No.2. Amendment is permitted to be carried out within a period of one week from today.
- 4.** Mr. Kulkarni, learned APP appears for Respondent – State of

Maharashtra. Learned APP waives service for Respondent - Respondent – State of Maharashtra.

5. Applicant is directed to serve a copy of this order and copy of the Application on the Investigating Officer directly.

6. 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.

7. 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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