

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.998 OF 2025

Krushnaprakash Ramji Yadav @ Krishnaprakash .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

.. Respondent

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- Ms. Preshita Parab, Advocate i/by Ms. Tripti R. Shetty for Applicant.
- Ms. Megha S. Bajoria, APP for Respondent.
- PSI – Yadav Pravin, MIDC Police Station (9595886392).

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : MARCH 10, 2025

P.C.:

1. Heard Ms. Parab, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Bajoria, learned APP for Respondent.

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

3. It is seen that Applicant has not impleaded the victim as Respondent. Hence, Applicant is directed to implead victim as party through the Senior Inspector of Police, MIDC Police Station as Respondent No.2. Amendment is permitted to be carried out forthwith.

4. 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.

Ms. Bajoria, learned APP appears for Respondent – State of Maharashtra and she waives service on behalf of State.

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. Let the aforesaid exercise be carried out within a period of one week from today.

6. Considering that Applicant is a Government servant and he is required to reply to suspension notice, in view of present indictment, Ms. Parab prays for early date. Learned APP is directed to ensure that copy is served directly on Investigating Officer and consent of Respondent No.2 is obtained.

7. Stand over to **17th March, 2025**. To be placed under the caption '**For Direction**'.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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