

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.1151 OF 2025

Mehraj @ Meraj Kaddan Khan

.. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

.. Respondents

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- Ms. Neetu Singh, Advocate for Applicant.
- Mr. Sukanta A. Karmakar, APP for Respondent No.1.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : MARCH 24, 2025

P.C.:

1. Heard Ms. Singh, learned Advocate for Applicant and Mr. Karmakar, learned APP for Respondent No.1.

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

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. Mr. Karmakar, learned APP appears for Respondent No.1 – State of Maharashtra and waives service on behalf of State.

4. 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 of 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.

5. Stand over to 01st April, 2025. To be placed under the caption '**For Direction**'.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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