

HARSHADA H. SAWANT  
(P.A.)

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**  
**CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**BAIL APPLICATION NO.1359 OF 2025**

Bagawat Shankar Marwadi

.. Applicant

**Versus**

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

.. Respondents

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- Mr. M. A. Khan a/w. Mr. Tajammul Khan, Advocates for Applicant.
- Ms. Megha S. Bajoria, APP for Respondent No.1.

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**CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.**

**DATE : APRIL 04, 2025**

**P.C.:**

**1.** Heard Mr. Khan, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Bajoria, learned APP for Respondent No.1.

**2.** Applicant is indicted under provisions of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short '**IPC**') 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.

**4.** Ms. Bajoria, learned APP appears in this present matter and 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 **16<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**. To be placed under the caption '**For Directions**'.

H. H. SAWANT

[ MILIND N. JADHAV, J. ]

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