

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.1361 OF 2025

Sabio Bento Pingle .. Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

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- None for Applicant.
 - Mr. Balraj B. Kulkarni, APP for Respondent.
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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : APRIL 04, 2025

P.C.:

- 1.** None for Applicant.
- 2.** Heard Mr. Kulkarni, learned APP for Respondent.
- 3.** Applicant is in prison for offences punishable under Section 376(2) and 328 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and other allied offences for past more than 8 years in C.R.No.239 of 2017 and Applicant is incarcerated in Thane Central prison. This is the only information provided in Application.
- 4.** Mr. Saurabh D. Butala, Advocate (Mobile No.9967010545) practising in this Court is requested by this Court to appear on behalf of the Applicant in the present Application received through jail through legal aid. He has graciously accepted the request made by the Court.
- 5.** The High Court Legal Services Committee of this Court is

directed to give the appointment letter and papers of the matter to the appointed Advocate forthwith through the legal aid. Copy of Application received through jail may also be provided to the learned appointed Advocate.

6. He is directed to obtain the status of the present case from the E-Courts website.

7. Learned APP shall also simultaneously obtain details of the case before the Trial Court and accordingly apprise the same to the Court on the next adjourned date alongwith a copy of charge-sheet.

8. Considering long incarceration of Applicant for more than 8 years in prison, the present Application shall be heard finally which shall be noted by the prosecution.

9. Considering long incarceration and in order to expedite the present case, since case is opened on the basis of a letter received through jail, learned appointed Advocate is permitted by Court to carry out the amendment and implead the victim as party Respondent to Application forthwith. The same is permitted to be carried out forthwith in the presence of the Court. Re-verification is dispensed with.

10. Mr. Butala, has immediately carried out the amendment in the presence of Court which also bears Court's endroement.

11. Learned APP and the appointed Advocate are directed to ensure that copy of Application and charge-sheet is immediately served on Respondent No.2 through the concerned Investigating Officer and her consent as to whether she requires legal representation through legal aid be obtained so that further steps can be taken by the Court in view of the aforesaid fact.

12. Stand over to **15th April, 2025.** To be placed under the caption '**First on Board**'.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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