

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.1449 OF 2025

Vinayak Prakash Matekar and Anr. .. Applicants

Versus

The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

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- Mr. B. L. Jagtap a/w. Ms. Anushka Jagtap, Advocates i/by Mr. Ashish Jagtap for Applicant.
 - Mr. Balraj B. Kulkarni, APP for Respondent.
 - PI – Lokare a/w. PSI – Sanjay Pawar, Gorai Police Station.
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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : APRIL 09, 2025

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Jagtap, learned Advocate for Applicant and Mr. Kulkarni, learned APP for Respondent.

2. Applicant is indicted under Sections 376, 376-D, 354, 506 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

3. At the outset, Mr. Jagtap would persuade the Court to allow to implead the victim through concerned Police Station as Respondent No.2. Applicant is permitted to implead victim as party through the Senior Inspector of Police, of concerned Police Station as Respondent No.2. Amendment is permitted to be carried out forthwith. Re-verification stands dispensed with.

4. In view of the above, 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.

5. Mr. Kulkarni, learned APP appears for Respondent – State of Maharashtra and waives service on behalf of State.

6. 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. Let the aforesaid exercise be carried out before the next adjourned date.

7. Stand over to **16th April, 2025**. To be placed under the caption '**For Directions**'.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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