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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1465 OF 2025

Aruna Santok Singh	.. Applicant
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra and Anr.	.. Respondents

**WITH
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1486 OF 2025**

Rizwan Nasir Sayyed	.. Applicant
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra and Anr.	.. Respondents

**WITH
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2245 OF 2024**

Reshma Farid Shaikh	.. Applicant
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra and Anr.	.. Respondents

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- Mr. Ankit Takle, Advocate for Applicant in Bail Application No.1465 of 2025.
 - Mr. Dushyant Digamber, Advocate for Applicant in Bail Application No.1486 of 2025.
 - Mr. Rachit Singh a/w. Mr. Nitin Satpute and Mr. Deepak Jadhav, Advocates for Applicant in Bail Application No.2245 of 2024.
 - Ms. Megha S. Bajoria, APP for Respondent No.1 in Bail Application Nos.1465 of 2025 and 2245 of 2024.
 - Ms. Savita M. Yadav, APP for Respondent No.1 – State in Bail Application No.1486 of 2025.
 - Mr. Himanshu Singh a/w. Ms. Sandhya Nair, Bhujang More, Advocates i/by Chetna Birje for proposed Respondent's (minor victim).
 - Mr. M. Sawant – PSI, Goregaon Police Station Present.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : APRIL 15, 2025.

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Takle, learned Advocate for Applicant in Bail Application No.1465 of 2025; Mr. Digamber, learned Advocate for Applicant in Bail Application No.1486 of 2025; Mr. Singh, learned Advocate for Applicant in Bail Application No.2245 of 2024; Ms. Bajoria, learned APP for Respondent No.1 in Bail Application Nos.1465 of 2025 and 2245 of 2024; Ms. Yadav, learned APP for Respondent No.1 – State in Bail Application No.1486 of 2025; Mr. Singh, learned Advocate for proposed Respondent's (minor victim).

2. Perused the order dated 09.04.2025 passed in Bail Application No.1465 of 2025. Today all 3 Bail Applications are listed together.

3. At the outset, in so far as Bail Application No.1486 of 2025 is concerned, issue notice to Respondent No.2. Humdast permitted.

4. Ms. Yadav, learned APP waives service on behalf of Respondent No.1 – State in Bail Application No.1486 of 2025.

5. In addition thereto, one spare copy of the Application shall be given to the Investigating Officer directly who is directed by this Court to depute a responsible lady officer and obtain Respondent No.2's consent for legal representation to the Court, the same shall be apprised to the Court through the learned APP on the next adjourned

date when further order will be passed.

6. Let the aforesaid exercise be completed on or before the next adjourned date.

7. Today, Mr. Singh, learned Advocate enters appearance on behalf of the minor victim. He would submit that he has received instructions and will file his vakalatnama to represent and espouse the cause of the minor victim in all three Bail Applications. Registry is directed to accept the said vakalatnama of the learned Advocate within a period of one week from today.

8. It is *prima facie* seen that there are 3 victims in the present case. Three Bail Applications are filed by 3 other co-accused arraigned in the same crime.

9. In so far as the second victim is concerned namely victim who is major, learned Prosecutor would submit that he has received instructions from the Investigating Officer to inform the Court that she is untraceable. In that view of the matter, hearing of the Applications cannot be protracted any further in order to ensure that the said victim namely major victim is also represented. This Court deems it fit to appoint an Advocate through Legal Aid to represent and espouse the cause of major victim in the 3 Bail Applications. In that view of the matter, I am inclined to appoint Ms. Priyanka B. Chavan, Advocate practicing in this Court (Mobile No.7303713388), through the High

Court Legal Aid Services Committee of this Court to represent and espouse the cause of major victim forthwith.

10. List the Bail Applications on Board on **22nd April 2025**. To be listed under the caption '**For Directions and Hearing**'.

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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