

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.1508 OF 2025

Vitthal Jyoti Tara

.. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

.. Respondents

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- Mr. Nihal M. Mansuri, Advocate for Applicant.
- Ms. Mahalakshmi Ganapathy, APP for Respondent No.1.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : APRIL 17, 2025

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Mansuri, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Ganapathy, learned APP for Respondent.

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

3. Applicant is directed serve a copy of Application and this order on Respondents.

4. 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. Ms. Ganapathy, learned APP appears in this present matter and waives service on behalf of Respondent No.1.

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.

7. Stand over to **24th April, 2025**. To be placed under the caption '**For Directions**'.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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