

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.1726 OF 2025

Sheshram Jawahalal Gautam @ Bharti .. Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and Anr. .. Respondents

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- Mr. Tohid Shaikh, Advocate i/by Ms. Anjali Patil for Applicant.
 - Mr. Rushikesh M. Pethe, APP for Respondent.
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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : APRIL 29, 2025

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Shaikh, learned Advocate for Applicant and Mr. Pethe, learned APP for Respondent No.1.

2. Applicant is indicted under provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short '**IPC**') and the 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. 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. It is seen that Applicant is in prison since the year 2021 and trial has not commenced yet.

7. Stand over to **06th May, 2025.** To be placed under the caption '**For Directions**'.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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