

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.1743 OF 2025

Mohammed Muneeb Abdus Saleem Sayyed .. Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and Anr. .. Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.1558 OF 2025
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- Ms. Farhana Shah, Advocates for Applicant.
 - Ms. Megha S. Bajoria, APP for Respondent No.1.
 - PSI – Rajesh Ahire, Kurla Police Station.
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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.
DATE : APRIL 25, 2025

P.C.:

1. Heard Ms. Shah, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Bajoria, learned APP for Respondent No.1.

2. Applicant is arraigned as Accused in connection with C.R. No.49 of 2025 registered with Kurla Police Station for offences punishable under Sections 351(2), 352, 69 and 77 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; 4, 5(l) and 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short '**POCSO Act**') and 66C, 66E, 67, 67A of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

3. The Interim Application seeks release of Applicant on interim bail for attending his examination namely the T.Y.B. MMC. examination conducted by University of Mumbai for which examination timetable is appended at page No.15 of the Bail Application. The examination commences on 02.05.2025 and ends on 15.05.2025. The schedule of examination is reproduced as under:-

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Summer 2025

EXAMINATION TIME TABLE

B.A. IN MULTIMEDIA & MASS COMMUNICATION (BAMMC) (CBCS) (R-2019-20)
(SEMESTER - VI)

Days and Dates	Time	Paper Code	Paper
Friday, 2 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55321	Journalism: Discipline Related Generic: Digital Media
Friday, 2 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55331	Advertising: Discipline Related Generic: Digital Media
Monday, 5 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55322	Journalism: Discipline Specific Electives : 1) Contemporary Issues
Monday, 5 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55332	Advertising: Discipline Specific Electives : 1) Advertising in Contemporary Society
Tuesday, 6 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55323	Journalism: 2) Lifestyle Journalism
Tuesday, 6 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55333	Advertising: 2) Brand Management
Wednesday, 7 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55324	Journalism: 3) Photo and Travel Journalism
Wednesday, 7 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55334	Advertising: 3) Media Planning & Buying
Thursday, 8 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55325	Journalism: 4) Magazine Journalism
Thursday, 8 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55335	Advertising: 4) Advertising & Sales Promotion
Friday, 9 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55326	Journalism: 5) Sports Journalism
Friday, 9 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55336	Advertising: 5) Rural Marketing & Advertising
Tuesday, 13 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55327	Journalism: 6) Crime Reporting
Tuesday, 13 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55337	Advertising: 6) Retailing & Merchandising
Wednesday, 14 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55328	Journalism: 7) Fake News and Fact Checking
Wednesday, 14 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55338	Advertising: 7) Entertainment & Media Marketing
Thursday, 15 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55329	Journalism: 8) Television Journalism
Thursday, 15 May, 2025	02.30 p.m. to 05.00 p.m.	55339	Advertising: 8) Television Program Production

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01st April, 2025.

Dr. Pooja Raundale
Director
Board of Examinations & Evaluation

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4. Ms. Shah informs the Court that hall-ticket for examination shall be received by Applicant immediately before the examination and he undertakes to file a true copy of said hall ticket with concerned Investigating Officer.

5. Learned APP has placed on record report dated 24.04.2025 to which there is a letter appended addressed by Principal of the college through which Applicant is going to appear for the University of Mumbai examination. In that letter it is stated that student admit hall- ticket for the said examination is not yet generated. In that view, the aforesaid direction is passed.

6. Considering that the Applicant before the Court is a young offender as alleged by the prosecution, this Court is of the opinion that there should be not a disruption in his studies lest his entire year for keeping terms will get wasted.

7. Applicant is in his final year of Bachelor of Arts in Multimedia and Mass Communication and is entitled and due to appear for his Semester – VI theory examination conducted by University of Mumbai scheduled from 02.05.2025 to 15.05.2025 and therefore an endeavour is made to ensure that he attends the said examination and also does well in the said examination.

8. In view of the above *prima facie* observations, Interim Application stands allowed subject to following conditions:-

- (i) Applicant shall be forthwith released on interim bail by concerned jail authorities;
- (ii) The Superintendent of Mumbai Central Prison / in-charge of the said prison is directed by the Court to ensure that Applicant is released by today evening itself so that Applicant gets adequate time to prepare himself for examination which is commencing from 02.05.2025;
- (iii) During the period of his release, Applicant is directed that during the date of his interim release on bail Applicant shall attend Investigating Officer to mark his presence on 28.04.2025; 30.04.2025; 03.05.2025 and 11.05.2025 at 10:00 a.m. He shall not leave the State of Maharashtra / Mumbai without leave of this Court;
- (iv) Applicant is directed to surrender back on 16.05.2025 at 06:00 p.m. to the Mumbai Central Prison.

9. The concerned Investigating Officer is directed to ensure that he does not detain Applicant for more time in Police Station on the date of his attendance when he goes for marking his presence considering that one of the reason for granting bail is that he need to study for his examination.

10. It is clarified that release of Applicant is without condition, without any escort or without Applicant requiring to pay any amount on Interim Bail.

- 11.** All parties are directed to act on server copy of this order.
- 12.** Stand over to **19th May, 2025.** To be placed under the caption '**For Compliance**'.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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