

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

**CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1768 OF 2025**

Abhinav Atul Chaturvedi

.. Applicant

**Versus**

Union of India and Anr.

.. Respondents

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- Ms. Munira Palanpurwala, Advocate for Applicant.
- Ms. G.S. Nayyar, Special PP for Respondent No.1 – UOI.
- Ms. Rajeshree V. Newton, APP for Respondent No.2 - State.

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**CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.**

**DATE : APRIL 30, 2025**

**P. C.:**

**1.** Heard Ms. Palanpurwala, learned Advocate for Applicant; Ms. Nayyar, learned Special PP for Respondent No.1 – UOI and Ms. Newton, learned APP for Respondent No.2 – State.

**2.** Ms. Palanpurwala, learned Advocate for Applicant would submit that Applicant has been arraigned as Accused No.3 in the present crime on the basis of statement of co-accused person recorded under Section 67 of the NDPS Act. She would submit that after his arrest he was miserably assaulted and his confessional statement was also extracted from him. She would submit that role of the Applicant according to prosecution case is that he was supposed to receive the alleged contraband. She would submit that Applicant was arrested

subsequently after 2 months from the date of arrest of Accused Nos.1 and 2.

3. Ms. Nayyar enters appearance on behalf of Respondent No.1 – UOI. She would place before the Court order dated 25.04.2025, *inter alia*, pertaining to bail application of Accused No.2 passed by this Court in Bail Application No.1670 of 2025.

4. Present Application is directed to be tagged and listed alongwith Bail Application No.1670 of 2025 on Board on **18<sup>th</sup> June, 2025**.

5. Learned Prosecutor is directed to file their Affidavit-in-Reply, if so desired, positively within a period of 6 weeks from today with an advance copy of the same served to the opposite side.

6. Needless to state that both the Applications shall be heard for disposal on the next adjourned date.

[ MILIND N. JADHAV, J. ]