

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2286 OF 2025

Hemant Yogesh Gautam

...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

...Respondents

Mr. Anish Pereira i/b Mr. Taraq Sayed, learned Advocate for the Applicant.

Dr. Ashvini A. Takalkar, learned A.P.P. for the State/Respondent.

Ms. Anandini Fernandes (Appointed Advocate through Legal-aid Panel), learned Advocate for Respondent No. 2.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATE : 29th JULY 2025.

P.C. :

1. Heard Mr. Anish Pereira, learned Advocate for the Applicant and Dr. Ashvini Takalkar, learned A.P.P. for the State/Respondent.
2. On 4th July 2025, notice was issued to Respondent No. 2.
3. Dr. Ashvini Takalkar, learned A.P.P. for the State/Respondent submits that Respondent No. 2 is served and a request is received from her seeking appointment of an Advocate from the Legal-aid Panel to represent her.
4. In view of the request made by Respondent No. 2 for legal assistance, Ms. Anandini Fernandes, learned Advocate on the Legal-aid Panel of this Court, who is present in the Court, is requested to represent Respondent No. 2.

5. At the request of the Court, Ms. Anandini Fernandes, learned Advocate has agreed to appear and represent the Complainant/Respondent No. 2 in the present Bail Application.

6. Dr. Ashvini Takalkar, learned A.P.P. is requested to communicate Respondent No. 2 about the appointment of Ms. Anandini Fernandes, learned Advocate, as her lawyer to represent her in the present Bail Application. Maharashtra Legal-aid Committee to take a note of appointment of Ms. Anandini Fernandes, learned Advocate, under the Legal-aid Scheme to represent Respondent No. 2 in the present Bail Application.

7. Mr. Anish Pereira, learned Advocate for the Applicant assures the Court to furnish a copy of entire paper-book of the present Bail Application to Ms. Anandini Fernandes, learned Appointed Advocate within a period of one week from today.

8. Ms. Anandini Fernandes, learned Appointed Advocate seeks some time to prepare in the matter.

9. At the request of Ms. Anandini Fernandes, learned Appointed Advocate and by consent of the parties, list the matter on **21st August 2025**.

[ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.]

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