

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 426 OF 2025

Amit Suresh Jadhav

... Appellant

Versus

State of Maharashtra & Anr.

... Respondents

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Mr. Nikhil Adkine a/w. Mr. Shubham Choudhar a/w. Mr. Somanath Kale,
Advocates for the Appellant.

Mr. A. R. Metari, APP for the State.

Ms. Anushka Nair, Advocate for Respondent No.2.

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CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATED : 19th JUNE, 2025.

P. C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the appellant, learned APP for the State and learned counsel for respondent No.2.

2. Learned APP submits that the offence under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short "Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short "Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short "POCSO Act") is also registered against the appellant hence the POCSO Act will prevail over the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes Act, 1989 (for short "SC & ST Act"), hence requested to pass appropriate order.

3. Considering the submission of learned APP Registry to verify and place the matter before the appropriate Bench.
4. Learned counsel for the appellant seeks leave to convert this appeal into the Bail Application.
5. Leave granted. Re-verification is dispensed with.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)