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

BAIL APPLICATION NO.2764 OF 2025

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Vishal Dattatray Gawade	... Applicant
V/s.	
The State of Maharashtra	... Respondent

Mr. Bhushan Raut, for the Applicant.

Mr. S. S. Chaudhari, APP for the State.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATED : 15th JULY, 2025

P.C.:

1. Charge against the Applicant is under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 as well as Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, as such the proceedings are recorded in terms of the decision in the case of Dr. Hema Suresh Ahuja & Ors. Vs. The State of Maharashtra and Ors.¹

2. Mr. Bhushan Raut, learned Advocate for the Applicant submits that by inadvertence the Complainant/ Informant remained to be arrayed as a party Respondent. He seeks leave to add the Informant/ Complainant as Respondent No.2.

3. Ms. M. H. Mhatre, learned APP for the State submits that the presence of the Informant is necessary and as such, she has no objection for joinder for the Informant / Complainant. Leave as

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prayed by Mr. Raut, granted. Informant/ Complainant be added as Respondent No.2 to the present proceedings. Amendment be carried out forthwith.

4. Upon amendment being carried out, issue notice to Respondent No.2, returnable on 14th August, 2025.

5. Newly added Respondent No.2 be served through Vadgaon Nimbalkar Police Station, Pune with the direction to file the service report on or before the next date.

6. List the matter on **14th August, 2025.**

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE. J.)