

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3336 OF 2025

Bhushan @ Bhusha Mohan Kharate

...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

...Respondents

Mr. Vishwatej Rajsinh Jadhav a/w Ms. Farzana Khan & Mr. Shubham Sane, learned Advocates for the Applicant.

Mr. Pandurang H. Gaikwad, learned A.P.P. for the State/Respondent.

PSI Mr. Ganesh Aatave attached to Sant Tukarnanagar Police Station, Pimpri-Chinchwad is present in the Court.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATE : 3rd SEPTEMBER 2025.

P.C. :

1. Heard Mr. Vishwatej Jadhav, learned Advocate for the Applicant. He submits that the offences charged against the Applicant are under Section 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and Sections 74 & 78 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. He submits that the maximum punishment, if convicted in the said offences, would be of 3 years. He submits that the Applicant was arrested on 14th January 2025 and he is in jail for a continuous period of almost 7 months.

2. Perused the records.

3. Issue notice to the Respondents.

4. Mr. Pandurang Gaikwad, learned A.P.P. appears and waives

service of notice on behalf of the State/Respondent.

5. Notice to Respondent No. 2 be served through the Investigating Officer, Pimpri Police Station, Pimpri-Chinchwad with direction to file Service Report on or before the next date of hearing.

6. Mr. Vishwatej Jadhav, learned Advocate for the Applicant states that the Applicant will ensure the service on Respondent No. 2 by 29th September 2025. Statement accepted.

7. At the request of Mr. Vishwatej Jadhav, learned Advocate for the Applicant and by consent of the parties, list the matter on **30th September 2025**.

[ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.]

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