

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO.273 OF 2025
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO.1043 OF 2025**

Bajirao Shankar Ankar & Ors. Applicants

versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr. Respondents

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- Mr. Aditya Raktade a/w Aarti Shah, Advocate for Applicants.
- Mr. S. H. Yadav, APP for the State/Respondent.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 21st JULY, 2025**

P.C. :

1. This is an application for bail pending final disposal of the Appeal preferred by the Applicant. The Applicants were convicted and sentenced by the learned Special Judge (Atrocity Act) & Additional Sessions Judge, Kolhapur, vide his Judgment and Order dated 21/10/2023 passed in Special Case No.139/2021. They were convicted and sentenced as follows :

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- (i) The Applicants were convicted for commission of offence punishable u/s 323 r/w 34 of the Indian

Penal Code and were sentenced to pay a fine of Rs.1,000/- and in default of payment of fine to undergo simple imprisonment for one month.

- (ii) They were acquitted from the charges of commission of offence punishable u/s 3(1)(r)(s), 3(1)(va) r/w 6 of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, Amendment Act, 2015 and u/s 143, 147, 506 r/w 149 of the Indian Penal Code.

2. Heard Mr. Aditya Raktade, learned counsel for the Applicants and Mr. S. H. Yadav, learned APP for the State.
3. Learned counsel for the Applicants submitted that the sentence imposed is only the payment of fine. The Applicants have already deposited the fine and therefore during pendency of the Appeal, the bail be granted to them.
4. Considering that only fine is imposed on the Applicants, they can be granted bail during pendency of their Appeal.

5. Hence, the following order :

ORDER

- (i) During pendency and final disposal of the Criminal Appeal (ST) No.1043 of 2025, the Applicants are directed to be released on bail on their furnishing P.R. bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each, before the Trial Court.
- (ii) Interim Application stands disposed of accordingly.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)