

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 2388 of 2025
in
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 461 of 2024

Rashid @ Imran Chand Qureshi ... Applicant/s
Appellant/s

versus

The State of Maharashtra and anr. Respondent/s

Mr. Advait Talamkar i/b. Mr. Shekhar Bhandary and Mr. Karthik S. Bhandary, Advocate for the Applicant/Appellant.

Mr. Mayur S. Sonavane, APP for Respondent No.1-State.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Yakub Kotwala, Advocate for Respondent No.2.

CORAM : R. M. JOSHI, J.

DATE : 11th DECEMBER, 2025.

P.C. :

1. At the outset, it needs to be mentioned that this Court had agreed to take up final hearing of this appeal. It is learned counsel for the appellant who states that since the paper-book is not ready, the application for interim relief be heard.

2. This is a third bail application. The earlier two bail applications were not entertained by this Court.

3. Heard learned counsel for the appellant. It is his submission that on the basis of the medical evidence, it cannot be said that the testimony is corroborated. It is, thus, his submission that since the appeal

is not likely to be heard in short period of time and as the appellant has undergone seven years of imprisonment, he be enlarged on bail.

4. The application is opposed by learned APP and learned counsel for respondent No.2.

5. Since this is third bail application, this Court is not expected to decide the application on merit. It is also necessary to take note of the fact that this Court is prepared to hear the appeal immediately. However, only for the excuse given by counsel for the appellant that the paper-book is not ready, the Interim Application was heard. It is, however, later on revealed from the statement of learned APP that record and proceedings with the paper-book is already received.

7. It is for the appellant to collect the paper-book, if the appellant is interested in working out the appeal finally.

8. Since the appeal is already listed for final hearing, this Court does not wish to record any findings on the merit of the case. The interim applicant stands dismissed.

9. By consent of both sides, appeal to be heard finally on 12th January 2026.

(R. M. JOSHI, J.)