

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLN. NO. 3693 OF 2024

Pramod Mahadev Sakpal @ Ahire

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra And Anr

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Mr. Aadesh Konde Deshmukh (through VC) Advocate for Applicant
Mr. Anand S. Shalgaonkar APP for the Respondent-State.

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CORAM : SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.

DATE : 6th APRIL, 2026.

P. C. :

1. In view of the fact that the trial has substantially progressed, learned APP on instructions from Investigating Officer, who is present in Court submits that only two witnesses are to be examined.

2. It is to be noted examination of prosecution witness no. 5 is deferred at the instance of advocate of present applicant in the Trial Court.

3. In any case, The Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of *X Versus State of Rajasthan and Anr (2024 INSC 909)*, wherein the Hon'ble

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Apex Court has observed as under:

“14. Ordinarily in serious offences like rape, murder, dacoity etc. once the trial commences and the prosecution starts examining its witnesses, the Court be it the Trial Court or High Court should be loath in entertaining the bail application of the accused”.

4. In view of the aforesaid precedent and considering the fact that the trial is substantially progressed, I am not persuaded to entertain the application.
5. In view of above, the concerned Court shall make endeavour to conclude the trial at the earliest.
6. With above observations, application stands disposed of.

[SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.]