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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.24 OF 2026

Sadanand Appa Dhumal : Applicant.
Versus
The State of Maharashtra and anr. : Respondents.

Mr. Pranav Bhoite for the Applicant.
Mr. Y. M. Nakhava, APP for the Respondent/State.
PSI Punekar, Daund Police Station present.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATED : 07 MARCH 2026

PC:-

1. On 16 January 2026 notice was issued in the present Application.
2. Mr. Y M Nakhava, learned APP for the Respondent/State, submits that the Investigating Officer has received a request from Respondent No.2 for appointment of an Advocate from the Legal Aid Panel.
3. Ms. Saima Ansari, Advocate from the Legal Aid Panel of this Court, is present in Court. She has agreed to appear and represent the Respondent No.2 in the present Application.

4. Learned APP submits that the appointment of Advocate Saima Ansari from the Legal Aid Panel to appear and represent the Respondent No.2, would be communicated to the Respondent NO.2 within a period of three days from today.
5. The Maharashtra State Legal Aid Authority to take note of the appointment of Advocate Ms. Saima Ansair in this Application.
6. Mr. Pranav Bhoite, learned Advocate for the Applicant, states that he will furnish the copy of the entire paper book to Ms. Saima Ansari within two days from today.
7. Ms. Saima Ansari requests for time. At her request and considering the urgency expressed by Mr. Pranav Bhoite, list this matter on 12 March 2026.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)