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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1977 OF 2025

Aditya Sono Singh	...Applicant
<i>Versus</i>	
State Of Maharashtra	...Respondent

Mr. Krishma Joshi a/w Sangram Jadhav and Ashish N. Saxena i/by
Vipul Dushing, for the Applicant.

Mr. S.S. Ghag, APP for the Respondent - State.

Ms. Pooja Dongre, for the Respondent No.2.

PSI – Mahesh Surve a/w PSI - Sanjay Gaonkar, Mankhurd Police
Station, present.

CORAM: R. M. JOSHI, J.

DATED: 26th MARCH, 2026.

PC:-

1. Learned counsel for the Applicant seeks bail essentially on the ground that the co-accused against whom similar charge has been made, is enlarged on bail by this Court by order dated 13th February 2025, passed in Bail Application No.3751 of 2023. She submits that apart from the parity even on merit the Applicant is entitled to bail as this is a case of false implication which is revealed from the report lodged by the mother of the Applicant against the brother of the victim. It is her further submission that there is no medical evidence to show commission of any gang-rape by the Applicant and the co-accused.

2. Learned counsel for Respondent No.2 opposed the said contention by submitting that there is seizure of Pen-drive containing video indicating the act of commission of rape by the Applicant and the co-accused on the victim.

3. Learned APP, on instructions, makes a statement that though the Pen-drive has been seized, no transcript thereof has been made during the course of the investigation.

4. There is a statement of informant indicating that the video was sent showing the victim being sexually assaulted by the Applicant and the co-accused. This Court finds it necessary to verify the fact as to whether there is any such video indicating the victim being sexually assaulted by the Applicant and the co-accused or any other person.

5. Since no transcript has been prepared during the course of the investigation, it ought to have been prepared. This Court finds it necessary to direct the Trial Court to verify the said video by opening the same in presence of learned counsel for the Applicant/accused and the learned APP.

6. The learned Trial Court to submit a report to this Court indicating the contents of the said video to enable this Court to pass further orders. This exercise be completed before the next date of hearing.

7. Learned APP to communicate this order to the Trial Court through its counterpart.

8. Stand over to 6th April, 2026. Part heard.

(R. M. JOSHI, J.)