

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

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL (STATE) NO. 18 OF 2025

The State of Maharashtra

... Applicant

Versus

Gunvant Mohan Bhondekar and Anr.

... Respondents

Ms. Kranti Hiwrale, A.P.P., for the Applicant-State.

Mr. Laxmikant N. Shrimangale a/w Mr. Ambadas Shrimangale, Mr. Vitthal Shrimangale and Mr. Vicky Khairnar, for the Respondent No.1.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL &
SANDESH D. PATIL, JJ.**

DATE : 27th FEBRUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard Ms. Kranti Hiwrale, A.P.P., for the Applicant-State and Mr. Laxmikant N. Shrimangale, learned Counsel for the Respondent No.1.

2. Arguable points are raised. Matter requires consideration. Leave granted. Appeal admitted. Call for records and proceedings with paper books.

3. The trial Court shall grant bail to the Respondent No.1 as per provisions of Section 431 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 to his satisfaction.

4. The Legal Services Authorities of this Court shall appoint a suitable Counsel from their Panel to represent the Respondent No.2 who is already served according to the learned A.P.P. and who has not engaged an Advocate.

(SANDESH D. PATIL, J.)

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)