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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.2037 OF 2025
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.904 OF 2023

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Janardan H. Varma @ Chaudhari ...Applicant
V/s.
State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

None for the Applicant.

Ms.Supriya Kak, APP for the State - Respondent.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL &
SANDESH D. PATIL, JJ.
DATE : 6TH JANUARY, 2026.**

P.C. :-

1. Nobody appears for the Applicant / Appellant. The Applicant / Appellant has sent an application through Jail. It is mentioned in the application that the Appeal is filed through Advocate Mangesh Deshmukh. However, the Applicant is unable to pay his fees and is requesting the appointment of legal aid counsel. High Court Legal Services Authorities had informed the

Applicant that he has to obtain N.O.C. from the advocate on record before the legal aid counsel can be appointed. We have considered the application today. None appears for the Applicant / Appellant.

2. The grievance of the Applicant / Appellant appears to be genuine. He deserves to be represented by legal aid counsel. The High Court Legal Services Authorities of this Court is requested to appoint a suitable counsel from their panel to represent the Applicant / Appellant in Criminal Appeal No.904 of 2023. The said Appeal be added to the weekly final hearing board commencing from 27th January, 2026.

3. The Application is disposed of.

(SANDESH D. PATIL, J.)

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)