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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 3924 OF 2025
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 1052 OF 2025**

Sanjay Pradip Ingale

... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr.

... Respondents

Mr. Mahesh S. Arjun, Advocate for the Applicant.

Smt. K.T.Hiwrale, APP for the Respondent-State.

Ms. Komal Sinha, Appointed Advocate for Respondent No.2.

Mr. Kashiraj Vitthal Jadhav, GPSI- Baramati Taluka Police Station, Pune Rural, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 17th MARCH, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking suspension of sentence.
2. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that applicant has been convicted for the offence punishable under Section 354(D) of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short "IPC") and Sections 8 and 12 of Protection of children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (for short "POCSO Act") and sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment of six months and pay fine of Rs.3,000/- and in default of payment of fine the applicant shall undergo further simple imprisonment of 15 days.

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3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that during the pendency of trial, the applicant was on bail and he has not misused the liberty. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. Learned APP strongly objected to allow the application on the ground that if applicant's sentence is suspended, he may abscond, hence requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel. Perused impugned Judgment and order. The sentence imposed on the applicant is a short term sentence. During trial, applicant was on bail. He has not misused the liberty. It may take time to dispose of the appeal.

6. In view of above, the applicant's sentence is suspended and he is enlarged on bail, pending the hearing and final disposal of the appeal, on the following terms and conditions.

ORDER

- i. The applicant be enlarged on bail on furnishing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs. 25,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.
 - ii. The bail bond to be furnished before the Trial Court.
7. Interim application stands disposed of.
8. All concerned to act on an authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)