

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION****INTERIM APPLICATION NO.4696 OF 2025****IN****CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.6 OF 2026**

Eunita @ Yunita Ravi Sharvanan

... Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Ms. Shivani S. Kondekar, for the Applicant.

Smt. M.M. Deshmukh, Acting.PP a/w Ms. PP Shinde, A.PP for Respondent-State.

**CORAM : A. S. GADKARI AND
KAMAL KHATA, JJ.****DATE : 30th MARCH 2026****P.C. :**

1) This is an Application for suspension of sentence and releasing the Applicant (Org. A No.4) on bail during the pendency of Appeal. The Applicant is convicted under Sections 364A, 386 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code and is sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for life and with a fine of prescribed amount.

2) It is the prosecution case that, Mohitkumar (A. No.1) was in need of money. He joined the scheme of Ratnam Infotech through deceased Smt. Kavita. That, on 15th May 2016, Kavita went to the room of the accused Mohitkumar. At that time, accused Nos.1, 2 and 3 were present. The said

three accused persons strangled Kavita and put her dead body in a big luggage bag. The said luggage bag was thereafter taken from a taxi in the jurisdiction of Vangaon Police Station and thrown. On next day, the accused Nos.1 to 3 again visited the said spot and burnt the dead body along-with the bag.

2.1) After receipt of information, Vangaon Police Station recovered the said dead body and was sent for postmortem. In the meantime, Mohitkumar (A. No.1) gave a phone call to the husband of the deceased demanding ransom. When all the accused persons went to the spot for collecting ransom, they were apprehended by the Police.

3) Record *prima facie* indicates that, the role attributed to the Applicant is that, she accompanied with other accused persons at the time of collecting the ransom from the husband of deceased. *Prima facie* it appears that, there is no material to indicate that, the Applicant was involved in the act of kidnapping deceased Kavita. The Applicant was on bail during the pendency of trial and there is no report of her violating any of the bail conditions.

4) In view of the above, we are inclined to release the Applicant on bail during the pendency of Appeal.

5) Hence, the following Order :-

- [i] During the pendency of Appeal preferred by the Applicant, the substantive sentence imposed upon the Applicant vide

Judgment and Order dated 16th January 2025, passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Vasai, in Sessions Case No. 89 of 2016, is suspended and the Applicant be released on bail on his furnishing PR bond of Rs. 50,000/- with one or two local sureties in the like amount.

[ii] Before her release from jail, the Applicant shall give her prospective residential address and the mobile and/or landline number on which he or his any close relative can be contacted.

[iii] After her release from jail, the Applicant shall attend the Arnala Police Station, on every first Monday of each month between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon initially for a period of one year and thereafter on every first Monday between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon of every third calendar month i.e. four times in a year, till the disposal of Appeal.

[iv] In case of two consecutive defaults in complying with the aforesaid conditions, the prosecution is at liberty to file an Application for cancellation of bail.

6) Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(KAMAL KHATA, J.)

(A.S. GADKARI, J.)