

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

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1207 OF 2022

Unnikrishnan Rajeevkumar Bhaskaran		
alias Rajiv Unnikrishnan	...	Applicant
Versus		
The State of Maharashtra	...	Respondent

Mr. Nishad Nevgi i/by S. N. Juris for the Applicant.
Ms. Rutuja A. Ambekar, APP for Respondent-State.
Mr. Bajrang K. Desai, PSI, Samta Nagar Police Station.

CORAM: MANISH PITALE, J.
DATE : 31st JULY 2024

P.C. :

. Letter dated 6th July 2024 is received from the Additional Principal Judge, City Civil & Sessions Court, Dindoshi (Borivali Division), Mumbai, along with a note put up by the Registry, seeking extension of time for one year to dispose of Special Case No.445 of 2021.

2. This Court by an order dated 23rd January 2024, while dismissing the bail application of the accused, had directed the said Court to dispose of the case within six months and if in case, the trial was not concluded, liberty was reserved for the applicant to revive his prayer for bail.

3. Considering the reasons stated in the letter, particularly the number of witnesses to be examined and the fact that the said

Court has a number of other time bound matters pending before it, a case is made out for granting extension of time by one year.

4. Accordingly, the aforesaid Court is granted time of one year from today to dispose of Special Case No. 445 of 2021.

5. At this stage, the learned counsel for the applicant (original accused) submits that the evidence of the prosecutrix is already recorded and in that light, this Court may consider reserving liberty for the applicant to file application for bail afresh, treating this as a change in circumstances.

6. Considering the fact that liberty was reserved for the applicant to renew his prayer for bail, if the trial was not disposed of within the period of six months and in the light of the fact that now the evidence of prosecutrix is already recorded, it would be appropriate to grant the prayer made on behalf of the applicant.

7. Hence, while granting extension of time to the concerned Court for disposing of the case, liberty is reserved for the applicant to move fresh bail application before the trial Court, treating the recording of evidence of the prosecutrix as a change in circumstances.

MANISH PITALE, J.