



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1078 OF 2022**

Francis Daniel Gaikwad and Ors.Applicants.
V/s
The State of Maharashtra & Anr.Respondents

Ms. Prachi Tatake for the Applicants.
Ms. M.M. Deshmukh, APP for the Respondent/State.
API Mr. M.S. Pathan, Sahakar Nagar Police Station, Pune, present.

**CORAM: NITIN W. SAMBRE &
RAJESH S. PATIL, JJ.**

DATE: AUGUST 24, 2023

PC.:-

- 1] Though served, none appears for Respondent No.2.
- 2] Learned APP on instructions from Investigating Officer informs that Respondent No.2 through phone has informed that she is in need of legal aid. However, since last couple of days, though served, she has not taken any steps. Her father is serving as Dy.S.P with Police Department with whom she is informed to be residing.
- 3] Apart from above conduct of Respondent No.2, we have perused the contents of the FIR. Contents in the FIR do not repose any confidence in the story of the prosecution. That being so, we deem it appropriate to adjourn the matter to 21.09.2023 so as to enable



Respondent No.2 to take steps by approaching Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority for legal aid.

4] In the meantime, all the proceedings taken out pursuant to the FIR shall remain stayed until further orders.

5] Stand over to 21.09.2023.

(RAJESH S. PATIL, J.)

(NITIN W. SAMBRE, J.)