



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

**CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 973 OF 2026
IN APEAL/175/2026**

SUNIL SHIVDAS GAIKWAD

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Savale Amit S.
APP for Respondent/s – State : Ms. M.S. Ghanekar

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**CORAM : RAJNISH R. VYAS, J.
DATE : 13TH MARCH, 2026**

PER COURT :

1. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the age of the accused at the time of commission of offence was twenty one years and the age of the victim according to the FIR, was sixteen years, whereas the trial court has held that she was twelve years old.
2. He thus submits that the question will have to be tested and, therefore, his application for grant of bail and suspension of sentence be considered favourably.
3. Learned APP Ms. Ghanekar, seeks time to file reply.
4. Stand over to 27.03.2026.
5. In the meantime, victim be intimated about the pendency of proceedings.

(RAJNISH R. VYAS, J.)