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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
CRIMINAL MISC. APPLICATION NO.527 OF 2026 (F)
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.526 OF 2026 (F)

MAHESH CHANEKAR PRESENTLY LODGED
IN JUDICIAL CUSTODY, COLVALE

... APPLICANT

Versus

STATE OF GOA THR. THE PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR AND 2 ORS.

... RESPONDENTS

Mr. Rohan Desai, Advocate for the Applicant.

Ms. Swati Kamat Wagh, Additional Public Prosecutor for
Respondent Nos.1 and 2/State.

Respondent No.3 present in person.

CORAM:- HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, J.

DATED :- 11th June, 2026

P.C.:

Heard Mr. Rohan Desai, learned Counsel for the Applicant and Ms. Swati Kamat Wagh, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for Respondent Nos.1 and 2/State. Respondent No.3, who is the victim of the offence, is present in Court in person.

2. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor, upon taking instructions from the victim, submits that the victim wants to engage a lawyer under the Legal Aid Scheme to appear on her behalf. The Goa State Legal Services Authority is directed to appoint a legal aid Counsel from the legal aid panel to appear on behalf of the victim. The

Registry is directed to give a copy of the entire proceedings to the Counsel so appointed.

3. To enable the appointment of a Counsel from the legal aid panel by the Goa State Legal Services Authority, and also to enable the learned Additional Public Prosecutor to take instructions, list the matter on 25.06.2026.

HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, J.