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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 199 OF 2016**

Sandeep Shridhar Sawant

...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Mr.A.S.Khandeparkar, i/b Khandeparkar & Associates, for the Applicant

Mr.Arfan Sait, A.P.P for the Respondent-State

CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.

DATE : 9th MARCH, 2016

P.C. :

1. Heard learned Counsel for the applicant and the learned A.P.P.
2. By this application, the applicant seeks his enlargement on bail in connection with C.R. No.14 of 2016, registered with the Kankavli Police Station, for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 7, 13(1)(d), 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act.
3. The applicant was working as a Gram Sevak at Ghonsari Gram Panchayat, Taluka Kankavli at the relevant time. The complainant is one

Mitish Madan Keni. Pursuant to a complaint received by Mr.Keni, a trap was laid and the applicant was apprehended accepting a sum of Rs.10,000/-. The applicant was immediately apprehended on 26th January, 2016 and was remanded to the police custody till 29th January, 2016. The applicant is presently in judicial custody.

4. Considering the nature of offence and the fact that the applicant is presently in judicial custody, the applicant deserves to be enlarged on bail on the following terms and conditions :

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail, on executing PR Bond in the sum of Rs. 10,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount;
- (ii) The applicant shall attend the concerned Police on every Saturday, between 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m., till the filing of the charge sheet
- (iii) The applicant shall not tamper or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the

case;

(iv) The applicant to cooperate with the conduct of the trial.

5. The Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed of.

6. It is made clear that the observations made herein are *prima facie*, and the trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits, in accordance with law, uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.

7. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.