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

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2925 OF 2017

Ramchandra Dasu Chavan

... Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Mr. P. A. Pol a/w Mr. S.S. Suryavasnsi a/w Mr. R.M. Darvesh, Mr. R.S. Hatkar, i/b Pol Legal Juris for the Applicant.

Mr. S.S. Hulke, APP for the Respondent/State.

CORAM : A.S.GADKARI, J.

DATE : 10th JANUARY 2018.

P.C.:

1] This an application under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. for bail in Crime No. I-353 of 2017 registered with Manpada Police Station, Thane under Sections 265, 267, 420, 465, 468, 471, 473 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code, Section 3(6) of the Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Regulation and Supply Distribution and Prevention of Malpractices), 2005 and under Sections 3, 7, 8 and 9 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

2] The Applicant is manager of fuel refilling centers (petrol pump). By a reasoned order dated 8.12.2017, the co-ordinate Bench of this Court was

pleased to release the co-accused on bail. By a subsequent order dated 21.12.2017 this Court further directed release of other accused persons who are similarly situated. The role attributed to the present applicant is same and/or similar to that of accused persons who have been released on bail by the said Orders.

3] In view thereof, the Applicant is entitled to be released on bail on the ground of parity.

Hence, the following order:

- i) The applicant/accused in Crime No. I-353 of 2017 registered with Manpada Police Station, Thane for the offences punishable under Sections 265, 267, 420, 465, 468, 471, 473 r/w 34 of the Indian Penal Code, Section 3(6) of the Motor Spirit And High Speed Diesel (Regulation And Supply Distribution and Prevention Of Malpractices,) 2005 and under Section 3, 7, 8, 9 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 be released on bail on executing PR Bond of Rs. 30,000/- and on furnishing one or two sureties in the like amount, by each of them.
- ii) The applicant/accused should not tamper with the prosecution evidence.
- iii) As a condition of this order, the applicant / accused shall not directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person

acquainted with the facts of the case, so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the court or to the Police Officer.

iv) The applicant to attend each and every date fixed for hearing before the concerned Court and they should not protract the trial at their instances.

v) Moreover, as the investigation of the crime in question is going on, the applicant/accused to attend the concerned police station once in a week i.e. on every Sunday in between 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. until further orders.

4] The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(A.S.GADKARI, J.)