

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION  
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2636 OF 2016**

Govind Raj Rao

....Applicant.

Vs.

State of Maharashtra & Ors.

....Respondents.

Mr. Sanjeev Kadam a/w Ms. Yasmeen Mohd. Sabir and Mr. Ravi Kotian  
i/by Little & Co. for the Applicant.

Ms. A.A. Takalkar, APP, for the Respondent-State.

Mr. Dhananjay M. Deodikar, API, EOW-V, Mumbai.

**CORAM : A. S. GADKARI, J.**

**DATE : 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2018.**

**P.C.:-**

This is an Application under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for bail in CR No. 49 of 2016 dated 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 investigated by the EOW Unit-V, Mumbai for the offences punishable under Sections 409, 420, 465, 467, 468, 469, 471, 472, 477(A), 120(B) r/w 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

2            Heard the learned counsel appearing for the Applicant and the learned APP. Perused the record.

3            The record indicates that in the aforesaid crime, the Applicant was arrested on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 when he was approximately 76 years of age. After completion of investigation, the police have submitted charge-sheet. The Applicant has already

undergone pre-trial incarceration about 2 years and 3 months. After taking into consideration the age of the Applicant i.e. stated to be above 78 years and without going into the merits of the matter, in my considered view, the Applicant can be released on bail.

4           Hence the following order.

- a)       The Applicant be released on bail in CR No. 49 of 2016 dated 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 investigated by the EOW Unit-V, Mumbai on his furnishing PR bond of Rs.50,000/- with one or two solvent local sureties in the like amount.
- b)       After his release from Jail, the Applicant shall attend the office of the EOW Unit-V, Mumbai on every first Monday of the month between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. till the conclusion of trial.
- c)       The Applicant shall attend all the dates before the Trial Court unless precluded for medical reasons.
- d)       The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence and/or pressurize the prosecution witnesses.

5           Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

**(A.S. GADKARI, J.)**