

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION****INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 2028 OF 2023****IN****CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 638 OF 2023**

Hemant Ambalal Menaria

... Applicant/Appellant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Ms. Apeksha Vora for Applicant/Appellant.

Mr. J.P. Yagnik, A.P.P. for Respondent-State.

**CORAM : A. S. GADKARI AND
SHYAM C. CHANDAK, JJ.****DATE : 31st January 2024.****P.C. :**

1) This is an application for suspension of sentence and releasing the Applicant on bail.

2) Heard Ms.Vora, learned Advocate for Applicant and Mr.Yagnik, learned A.P.P. for Respondent-State. Perused record.

3) It is an admitted fact on record that, since the date of his arrest i.e. 25th February 2013 the Applicant is in incarceration and as of today has undergone approximately 10 years and 11 months in incarceration.

4) In view of the Guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Saudan Singh Vs. The State of Uttar Pradesh in Criminal

Appeal No. 308 of 2022 [@ SLP (Crl.) No. 4633 of 2021], dated 25th February 2022 and the view expressed in cases of (i) Suleman Vs. The State of Uttar Pradesh, Criminal Appeal No. 491 of 2022 (Arising out of SLP (Crl.) No. 1451 of 2022) dated 25th March 2022 and (ii) Dinesh @ Paul Daniel Khajekar Vs. State of Maharashtra & Anr., Criminal Appeal No. 2987 of 2023 (Arising out of S.L.P (Crl.) No. 10320 of 2023) dated 25th September 2023, the Applicant is entitled to be released on bail during the pendency of Appeal.

5) Hence, the following Order.

- (i) Applicant shall be released on bail in Sessions Case No. 103 of 2013 @ Sessions Case No. 666 of 2013, arising out of CR No. 111 of 2012 registered with Pant Nagar Police Station, Mumbai (CR No. 84 of 2012 with D.C.B., C.I.D. Unit-7, Mumbai), on his furnishing P.R. bond of Rs.25,000/- with one or two solvent local sureties in the like amount.
- (ii) After his release from Jail and during the pendency of the present Appeal, the Applicant shall attend Office of D.C.B., C.I.D. Unit-7, Mumbai on every first Monday of the month between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon initially for a period of one year.

After end of one year, the Applicant shall attend Office of D.C.B., C.I.D. Unit-7, Mumbai on every first Monday of the every 3rd Month between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon. The Applicant thus shall attend Office of D.C.B., C.I.D. Unit-7, Mumbai, four times in a year during

the pendency of the present Appeal.

- (iii) In case of two consecutive defaults in complying with the aforestated conditions, the Prosecution is at liberty to file an application for cancellation of bail.
 - (iv) Applicant shall inform his prospective residential address to the trial Court. Applicant shall keep informed the trial Court any change in his residential address and his mobile number, on which he can be contacted.
 - (v) Applicant shall make himself available at the time of final hearing of the Appeal.
- 6) Interim Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.)

(A.S. GADKARI, J.)

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