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4. However, on noticing the order is fabricated one, the Tahsildar lodged a complaint. Thereupon, the present offence is registered. There are 12 total accused, out of which 4 accused are absconding and out of remaining 8 accused, 7 have been released on bail.

5. The applicant was arrested on 12.08.2022 and as such he is in jail from last more than 2 years. As far as the trial is concerned, till date the charge is not framed. Thus, considering the fact that there are total 46 witnesses and the pace with which the trial is proceeding, there is unlikelihood that the trial will be concluded in near future.

6. The relevant records and documents were seized and are in custody of the IO. Furthermore, there are no antecedents against the applicant.

7. In the circumstances, though the learned APP is strongly opposing the application, considering the fact that 7 accused have been released on bail and further there is unlikelihood that the trial will be concluded in near future, I am of the opinion that further custody of the applicant is not necessary.

8. In the circumstance, I pass the following order:

ORDER

- i) Criminal application is allowed;

ii) It is directed that the applicant shall be released on bail in Crime No.340 of 2021, registered with Khadak Police Station, Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 34 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, on furnishing P.R.Bond of Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand with one solvent surety in the like amount;

iii) The applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station on 1st day of every month between 10.00a.m. to 11.00 a.m., till the conclusion of the trial except on the date of trial;

iv) The applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case, as also not tamper with the evidence;

v) Liberty is granted to the State to apply for cancellation of bail in case of any breach of condition or misuse of liberty by the applicant.

vi) The applicant shall attend the trial before the trial Court regularly on every date unless exemption is granted by the trial Court.

9. The application is disposed of .

(ANIL S. KILOR, J)