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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

**CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1277 OF 2025
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 234 OF 2025**

Ritesh Sharadkumar Mehra,
Age: 49 years, Occ.: Business,
R/o. Housen No.3-13/76,
Shashtri Mohalla, Old Jalna,
Dist. Jalna.

... Applicant

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra,
Though Police Inspector,
Chhawani Police Station,
Dist. Chh. Sambhajinagar.

... Respondent

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Mr. S.C. Arora, Advocate for Applicant
Mr. P.K. Lakhotia, APP for Respondent – State
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CORAM : ABHAY S. WAGHWASE, J.

DATED : 16 APRIL 2025

PER COURT :-

1. Heard.
2. Issue notice to respondent – State. Learned APP waives service of notice for respondent – State.
3. Present application is for suspension of sentence and grant of bail on account of conviction order passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Aurangabad in Sessions Case No.415 of 2022.

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4. Learned counsel for applicant pointed out that, present applicant was tried by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Aurangabad for commission of offence under section 324 of Indian Penal Code in Sessions Case No.415 of 2025. That, judgment has been rendered on 28.02.2025 holding applicant guilty for above offence. It is pointed out that, sentence awarded is of two years and to pay fine. That, exception has been taken to the above judgment by filing appeal, however, appeal being of 2025, there are no prospects of hearing the appeal in near future. He submitted that, applicant was on bail during trial and fine amount is already deposited by the applicant. Therefore, relief of suspension of sentence and grant of bail are pressed into service.

5. Learned APP opposed on the ground that on full-fledge trial guilt has been recorded and there is every possibility of misuse of liberty.

6. After considering the submissions and on going through the papers, it appears that, vide judgment and order dated 28.02.2025 passed in Sessions Case No.415 of 2022, present applicant is held guilty for offence punishable under sections 324 of IPC. Apparently, sentence awarded is of two years and to

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pay fine. Applicant is said to be on bail during trial and the fine amount is said to be deposited. As appeal against above judgment and order is of 2025 and obviously it would take long time to be heard and decided, relief as prayed deserves to be granted. Hence, the following order is passed :

ORDER

- (i) Criminal Application stands allowed.
- (ii) The substantive sentence imposed on the applicants, namely, Ritesh Sharadkumar Mehra in Sessions case No.415 of 2022 by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Aurangabad on 28.02.2025 stands suspended till the final hearing and disposal of Criminal Appeal No.234 of 2025.
- (iii) The applicant be released on PR. Bond of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only) with two solvent sureties in the like amount.
- (iv) The applicant shall not commit any criminal activity.
- (v) The applicant shall remain present before the learned trial Judge once in six months, till final hearing and disposal of the appeal, commencing from the date they tender bail papers and thereafter, the trial Judge to fix dates for his subsequent appearances.

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- (vi) In case of two consecutive defaults on the part of the applicant to remain present before the trial court, the trial court to inform this court about the same and in that eventuality, the prosecution would be at liberty to file an application for cancellation of bail granted to the applicant.
- (vii) Bail before the trial court.

**ABHAY S. WAGHWASE,
JUDGE**

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