



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 705 OF 2025

LAXMAN BABURAO MARKAD

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS

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Shri Salunke Sudarshan J., Advocate for the Appellant.

Ms. A.S. Mantri, APP for Respondent Nos.1 and 2/State.

Shri Gaikwad Ranjit Dayanand, Advocate for Respondent No.3.

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CORAM : SUSHIL M. GHODESWAR, J.

DATE : 24 November 2025

P. C. :-

1. This appeal is filed by the appellant for seeking regular bail in connection with FIR bearing Crime No.0167/2023 dated 02.06.2023 registered with Renapur Police Station, District Latur, for the offences punishable under Sections 302, 326, 452, 324, 323, 504, 506, 294, 34 of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3(1)(r), 3(1)(s), 3(2)(v), 3(2)(va) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Sections 39, 45 and 48 of the Maharashtra Money Lending (Regulation) Act, 2014.

2. I have heard learned advocates for the respective

sides. With their assistance, I have perused the investigation papers. It is evident that the appellant was arrested on 02.06.2023 and since then, he is in jail. However, that cannot be ground for bail because as per the allegations, the appellant has played direct and major role in the offence. As such, he is prime accused. Investigation is completed and the charge-sheet is already filed. Trial is in progress and 10 witnesses are already examined. The offence alleged, if proved, is punishable with death or life imprisonment.

3. In view of the above and considering the allegations in the FIR, prima facie at this stage, I am not inclined to grant bail to the appellant. This Criminal Appeal is dismissed.

4. It is made clear that this Court has not observed anything on merits of the matter and learned Sessions Court shall not be influenced by dismissal of this appeal.