



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

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2231 OF 2025

RAJENDRA RAMBHAU SHELKE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Uttam B. Bondar
APP for Respondent : Mr. S. G. Sangale
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CORAM : SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.

DATE : 01-12-2025

PER COURT:-

1. The applicant seeks bail in Crime No.382 of 2025 registered with Police Station Pachod, District Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, for the offences punishable under Sections 80(2), 85, 115(2), 352, 351(3) read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is case of the prosecution that daughter of complainant, namely, Radha committed suicide by jumping in farm pond on 06.10.2025. The allegations against the accused that they abetted the commission of said suicide by giving her mental and physical ill-treatment for an unlawful demand of Rs.2 Lakh for construction of new house. Hence, the crime is registered against accused.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated due to family disputes. Deceased and her husband were residing separately from the applicant and other family members. There was considerable

delay without any explanation in lodging the complaint. The allegations are omnibus and general in nature. There is no specific overt act attributed to the applicant leading to the alleged suicide. There is no previous complaint of cruelty or harassment lodged by the deceased or her relatives against the applicant. There is no material in the investigation to show that applicant had any intention, instigation or active participation in driving the deceased to commit suicide. During interrogation, nothing is to be recovered from the applicant. Lastly, prayed to allow the application.

4. Learned A.P.P. has vehemently opposed the application on the ground that the offence is serious. The applicant and other accused illtreated the deceased. On account of non-fulfillment of demand of Rs.2 Lakh, deceased committed suicide. There is possibility of tampering with the prosecution witnesses and hampering the investigation, if the applicant is granted bail. Lastly, prayed to reject the application.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned A.P.P. for the respondent.

6. Perused the record.

7. It appears that an offence has been registered against the applicant and other accused on the basis of complaint lodged by father of deceased. The applicant is an agriculturist and only

bread earner in his family. The applicant is residing separately from the deceased and her husband. Nothing is to be recovered from the applicant. Other co-accused are already protected by this Court by granting the interim protection in anticipatory bail application. Considering the material on record, the case is made out for grant of bail since the applicant is behind bar from 07.10.2025 and investigation is also completed. No purpose would be served to continue the applicant for further custody in the matter. Therefore, the applicant deserves bail. Hence, the following order;

ORDER

- (i) Bail Application is allowed.
- (ii) Applicant, Rajendra Rambhau Shelke, be released on bail on furnishing P.B. and S.B. of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) with one solvent surety of the like amount in the above crime, on the conditions that;
 - (a) He shall not tamper with the prosecution witnesses till the conclusion of the trial;
 - (b) He shall attend the police station on written notice as and when called by the Investigating Officer.

[SACHIN S. DESHMUKH]
JUDGE