



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

**920 CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.4403 OF 2025
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.880 OF 2025**

Pankaj Nivrutti Sonawane

.... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

.... Respondent

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Mr. Sartaj H. Pathan h/f Mr. Bhide Vinod Y, Advocate for the Applicant
Mr. A. D. Wange, APP for the Respondent - State
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CORAM : NEERAJ P. DHOTE, J.

DATE : 21.11.2025

PER COURT :

1. This is an Application for suspension of substantive sentence.
2. Heard both the sides.
3. The Applicant is convicted for the offence punishable under Sections 498-A and 323 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 [hereinafter referred to as 'IPC'] and sentenced to suffer Rigorous Imprisonment for one [01] year and fine of Rs.5000/-, in default to suffer Rigorous Imprisonment for one [01] month; and to suffer Simple Imprisonment for one [01] month and fine of Rs.500/-, in default, to suffer Simple Imprisonment for eight [08] days, respectively.

4. The sentence has been suspended by the learned Trial Court till the Appeal period is over. Considering the short-term sentence, the same is suspended. Hence, the following order :

ORDER

- [I] Criminal Application is allowed.
- [II] The substantive sentence imposed upon the Applicant, namely, Pankaj Nivrutti Sonawane, by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Sangamner, District Ahilyanagar, vide Judgment and Order dated 29/10/2025, passed in Sessions Case No.31/2020, is hereby suspended till the final disposal of the Appeal.
- [III] The Applicant be released on bail on furnishing S.B and P.B. of Rs.15,000/- [Rupees Fifteen Thousand] with one surety in the like amount before the learned Trial Court.
- [IV] The Applicant shall co-operate in early disposal of the Appeal.
- [V] Criminal Application stands disposed off accordingly.

[NEERAJ P. DHOTE, J.]

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