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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

CRIMINAL MISC. APPLICATION NO.39/2025

IN

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.442/2025 (F)

CAITAN DSOUZA

... APPLICANT

Versus

STATE OF GOA & ANR.

... RESPONDENTS

Ms Prithvi Bandekar, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr S. G. Bhobe, PP for the State.

CORAM: VALMIKI MENEZES, J.

DATED: 2nd MAY 2025

P.C. :

1. The Registry to waive objections and register the matter.
2. This is an application seeking suspension of sentence and release on bail by the applicant who is accused no.2 in Sessions Case No.7/2016. The applicant was arrested on 05.02.2013 in Crime No.29/2013 registered at Calangute Police Station and was admitted to bail on 15.12.2013. After the Final Report was filed and trial was completed, the applicant was convicted of the aforementioned offence on 30.04.2025 by the Court of Principal District & Sessions Judge, Panaji and he was immediately taken in custody and is presently lodged at the Central Jail, Colvale, where he serves his sentence.

3. Considering that the applicant has been on bail throughout the trial for a period of more than twelve years, and is aged just 35 years, apart from which the sentence imposed upon him and conviction was for four years in prison, a case has been made out for suspension of the sentence pending the hearing of the appeal on the following conditions:-

(a) The Superintendent of Central Jail, Colvale shall release the applicant on executing a P.R. Bond of Rs.25,000/-. After the release, the applicant shall execute a P.R. Bond of Rs.25,000/- with one surety in the like amount before this Court within a period of one week.

(b) The applicant shall deposit the amount of fine imposed upon him before the Sessions Court within a week from today.

(c) The applicant shall furnish a copy of his Aadhar Card, his phone number and full details of his residential address under an affidavit, to be filed in the Registry of this Court.

(d) The applicant shall not change residence, the address of which is mentioned in the cause title of this application during the course of hearing of the appeal.

(e) The applicant shall be available when the appeal is taken up for hearing.

4. The application stands disposed of in the above terms.

5. The parties to act on an authenticated copy of this order.

VALMIKI MENEZES, J.