

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 741 OF 2025

Tejas Devgonda Patil	...Applicant
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra	...Respondent

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Mr. Satyavrat Joshi a/w Ms. Reena Prajapati, Mr. Ashish Kachole and Adv. Priyesh M., Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. Tanveer Khan, A.P.P. for the Respondent – State.

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CORAM	:	N. R. BORKAR, J.
DATE	:	05th MARCH, 2025.

P.C.:

1. This is an application for regular bail.

2. The applicant came to be arrested in Crime No.137 of 2021 registered at Sangli Rural Police Station, District : Sangli, for the offences punishable under Section 302 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC').

3. The deceased was the cousin of the present applicant. It is alleged that there was dispute between the deceased and the applicant on account of ancestral agricultural land.

According to the prosecution, on account of said dispute, on the date of incident which took place on 20.05.2021, the present applicant and one Juvenile delinquent assaulted the deceased by iron rod, knife etc and committed his murder.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant and learned A.P.P. for the Respondent-State.

5. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is an agriculturist and on the date of alleged incident, was hardly aged about 20 years. It is submitted that applicant is in jail for four years and except framing of the charge, there is no progress in the trial. It is submitted that there are no other criminal antecedents against the applicant.

6. On the other hand, the learned A.P.P. for the Respondent-State submits that the applicant is involved in serious crime. It is submitted that this Court has already rejected the bail application filed by the applicant on merits. It is submitted that instead of releasing the applicant on bail, the trial be expedited.

7. The applicant is in jail for four years and except the framing of charge, there is no progress in the trial. Considering the overall fact and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to release the applicant on bail.

ORDER

- (i) Criminal Bail Application is allowed;
- (ii) The applicant is directed to be released on bail in connection with Crime No.137 of 2021 registered at Sangli Rural Police Station, District : Sangli, for the offences punishable under Section 302 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC') on executing PR. Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount;
- (iii) The applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station once in a month i.e. on first Saturday between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. till conclusion of trial;
- (iv) Application stands disposed of accordingly.

(N. R. BORKAR, J.)