

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2923 OF 2025

Dhanaji Sadhu Dadas ...Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr. Priyal Sarda for Applicant.

Ms. Veera Shinde, APP for the Respondent-State.

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CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 26th SEPTEMBER 2025

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1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.77 of 2021 registered with Natepute Police Station, District:Solapur for the offences punishable under Sections 395, 341, 401, 402, 201 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and under Sections 3(1)(ii), 3(2) and 3(4) of the Maharashtra Control of Organized Crime Act, 1999 (for short "MCOC").

2. It is prosecution's case that on 31st March, 2021 at around 10.30 p.m., when first informant was going in his vehicle, at that time the applicant and co-accused intercepted the vehicle of first informant by their motorcycles and robbed the amount of Rs.5,000/- and mobile phone from the first informant and cleaner of the said vehicle.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for applicant that applicant is behind bar for more than four years and six months, yet trial is not concluded. The accused Nos.3 & 4 have been released on bail. It may take time to conclude the trial. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that applicant has four antecedents. The mobile phone of the first informant and the robbed amount is recovered at the instance of the applicant. His statement under Section 18 of the MCOC Act is recorded. In the said statement, he has confessed about the crime. If applicant is released on bail, he may abscond or threaten prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsels, perused the FIR and documents produced on record. The applicant is behind bar for more than four years and six months. Yet trial has not been concluded. Investigation is completed and charge-sheet has been filed. It may take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, his further detention is not required.

6. In view of the above, I pass the following order :

ORDER

- (i) Application is allowed;
- (ii) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No.77 of 2021 registered with Natepute Police Station, District:Solapur, on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.20,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount;
- (iii) The applicant shall attend the Police Station as and when required;
- (iv) The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the witnesses or any person concerned with the case;
- (v) Applicant shall attend the Trial Court dates, regularly.

7. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed off.

8. It is made clear that the above observations are made only for the purpose of granting bail and the Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits in accordance with law and uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.

9. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)