

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3465 OF 2024

1. Tejas N. Nalawade
 2. Nandkumar S. Nalawade
 3. Navnath @ Saurabh Nandkumar Nalawade
 4. Mrs. Shalan N. Nalawade ...Applicants
- V/s.
- The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent.

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Mr. Aniket Nikam a/w. Adv. Shreya A. & Adv. Sumit Patil i/b Mr. Amit Icham for the Applicants.
 Mrs. Anamika Malhotra, APP for the Respondent/State.

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CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 18.03.2025.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for regular bail.
2. Learned counsel for the applicants, on instructions, seeks leave to withdraw the present application *qua the applicant No.1-Tejas Nalawade* with liberty to file a fresh bail application after nine months.
3. The applicant Nos.2 to 4 came to be arrested in Crime No.24 of 2024 registered at Shahapur Police Station, Kolhapur for the offences punishable under Sections 304(B), 498(A), 323, 504 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code.
4. The deceased was the wife of the applicant No.1. Applicant Nos.2 and 4 are the father-in-law and mother-in-law and applicant

No.3 is the brother-in-law of the deceased. According to the prosecution, the deceased was subjected to ill-treatment on account of money and thus, she committed suicide.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant Nos.2 to 4 and the learned APP for the respondent - State.

6. Learned counsel for the applicant Nos.2 to 4 submits that the deceased and the applicant No.1 were residing separately and were running canteen at Dr. J.J. Magdum Ayurvedik Medical College, Jaisingpur. It is submitted that due to financial crunch, they were required to close the said canteen. It is submitted that due to financial issues the relations between the deceased and the applicant No.1 were strained. It is submitted that applicant Nos.2 to 4 have nothing to do with the alleged demand.

7. On the other hand, learned APP for the respondent/State submits that there are allegations of demand against the applicant Nos.2 to 4 also. It is submitted that considering the nature of crime, the applicant Nos.2 to 4 may not be released on bail.

8. I have perused the statements of witnesses. It appears that the deceased and applicant No.1 were residing separately from the applicant Nos.2 to 4 and on account of financial issues their relations were strained. Considering the said fact, I am inclined to release the applicant Nos.2 to 4 on bail. In the result, the following order is passed.

ORDER

A] The Application is partly allowed.

B] The Application *qua* the applicant No.1 is disposed of as withdrawn with liberty as sought.

C] The applicant Nos. 2 to 4 be released on bail in C.R. No.24 of 2024 registered at Shahapur Police Station, Kolhapur for the offences punishable under Sections 304(B), 498(A), 323, 504 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code on furnishing P.R Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) each with one or two sureties in the like amount.

C] The applicant Nos.2 to 4 shall attend the concerned police station once in a month, i.e., on 1st Saturday between 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. for the period of one year.

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]