

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3145 OF 2025

Deepak Ranglal Lilhare ...Applicant
Versus
State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr. C. M. Mangle i/by Mr. Harshad Sathe for Applicant.

Dr. A. A. Takalkar, APP for the Respondent-State.

Mr. Ganesh Bhagwat Nale (HC) Chiplun Police Station, present.

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CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 9th OCTOBER, 2025

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1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.89 of 2025 registered with Chiplun Police Station, District Ratnagiri for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) and 21(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 25th April 2025 the police intercepted the applicant. In his personal search, police found 9 gram Mephedrone.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for applicant that the Mephedrone found in possession of the applicant is of intermediate quantity. The applicant is behind bar around six months. The

applicant has no antecedents under NDPS Act. Investigation is completed and charge-sheet has been filed. It may take time to conclude the trial. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that applicant was found with 9 gram Mephedrone. If applicant is released on bail, he may abscond or threaten the prosecution witnesses. He has antecedents under the IPC Sections. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsels, perused the FIR and documents produced on record. The Mephedrone found in the custody of the applicant is of intermediate quantity. The applicant has no antecedents under N.D.P.S. Act. Investigation is completed and charge-sheet is filed. The applicant is behind bar around six months. 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.89 of 2025 registered with Chiplun Police Station, District Ratnagiri, 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 not tamper with the evidence or shall not attempt to influence or contact the witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

(iv) 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.)