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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3564 OF 2025**

Sandip Ashok Patil ...Applicant
Versus
The State Of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr. Sunil Kamble a/w Sandesh Kamble, Siddhesh Pawar and Megha Patil for the Advocate for the Applicant.
Mr. Nitin. B. Patil, APP for the Respondent-State.

**CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 19th DECEMBER, 2025**

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1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail crime no.135 of 2025 registered with Hupari Police Station Dist- Kolhapur for offences punishable under Sections 406, 409 and 420 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
2. It is prosecution's case that the applicant lured the first informant and other investors to invest the amount in Bright E-Commerce Company by promise to give handsome returns, but, after investing the amount the first inforant and other investors did not get their amount nor the ruturns on it.
3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant has deposited Rs. 5,00,000/- to show his bonafide without

attributing his guilt. Learned counsel, on instructions, further submits that the applicant has no objection to withdraw the deposited amount by the first informant and the investors as per their share. The applicant is behind bar more than 7 months. Investigation is completed. Charge-sheet has been filed. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant has cheated the first informant and other investors. The total fraud amount is more than Rs. 20 lakhs. If the applicant released on bail, he may abscond. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both the learned counsel, perused the FIR and documents produced on record.

6. The applicant is behind bar more than 7 months. Investigation is completed. Charge-sheet has been filed. There is no progress in trial. The applicant is one of the employee of the said compnay. The main allegations are against accused no. 1, who is the director of the said company in which the amount is deposited by the investors. The applicant has deposited Rs. 5,00,000/- to show his bonafide without attributing his guilt and he has no objection to withdraw the deposited amount by the first informant and the investors as per their share. Considering these facts, I pass following order :

O R D E R

7. Application is allowed
8. The applicant be enlarged on bail in C.R. No.135 of 2025 registered with Hupari Police Station, Dist. Kolhapur on furnishing P. R. Bond in the sum of Rs. 20,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.
9. Applicant shall attend the Court dates regularly.
10. The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.
11. Application is disposed off in above terms.
12. 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.
13. All concerned to act on authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)