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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION  
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3630 OF 2025**

Aniket Maruti Jagdale

...Applicant

Versus

The State Of Maharashtra

...Respondent

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Mr. Piyush Toshnival, Advocate for the Applicant.  
Mr. S. H. Yadav, APP, for the Respondent – State.  
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**CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.**

**DATE : 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2025**

**P.C.**

1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.157 of 2023 registered with Malharpeth Police Station, Dist-Satara for the offences punishable under Section 302 of Indian Penal Code, 1860.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 at around 00.45 hrs, the applicant has murdered the Pandit Baburao Chavan by assaulting him with knife and wooden stick on the ground of financial dispute.

3. It is the contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bar more than two years. Though charge is

framed, there is no progress in trial. The prosecution's case is based on extra judicial confession. Applicant has no antecedents. He is karta of his family. It may take time to conclude the trial and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant himself surrendered before the police and informed about the murder of the deceased. The applicant had brutally assaulted the deceased. There is recovery at the instance of the applicant. If the applicant released on bail, he may abscond and threaten the prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

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

6. The prosecution's case is based on extra judicial confession given by the applicant. It's evidential value can be considered at the time of trial. The applicant is behind bar more than two years. Though charge is framed, there is no progress in trial. Applicant has no antecedents. Considering these facts, further detention of applicant is not required and I pass following order:

### **ORDER**

- I. The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No.157 of 2023 registered with Malharpeth Police Station, Dist-

Satara on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.20,000/-  
with one or two sureties in the like amount.

II. The applicant shall attend the Court dates regularly.

III. The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or  
attempt to influence or contact the complainant,  
witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

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.)**