

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 178 OF 2025

Prem @ Sunny Bajirao Kadam

... Applicant

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Mr. Pratik Kalantri, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. S. S. Chaudhari, APP for Respondent/State.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATE : 1ST AUGUST, 2025.

P.C. :

1. Heard Mr. Pratik Kalantri, learned Advocate for the Applicant. He submits that the offence in the present Application was registered on 8th May, 2020. He submits that the crime is now registered as Sessions Case No.67 of 2025 and is pending on the file of the Court of Additional Sessions Judge, Nashik Road, Nashik. He submits that the charge was framed on 21st September, 2022. He submits that out of the 32 prosecution witnesses till date 7 witnesses have been examined. He submits that the last witness examined before the learned Trial Court was on 7th November, 2024. He submits that from 7th November, 2024 till date not a single witness has been examined in Sessions Case No.67 of 2025. He, therefore seeks bail on the ground of denial of the Applicant's right to speedy trial.

2. Issue notice to Respondent.

3. Mr. S. S. Chaudhari, learned APP for the State appears and waives service of notice. He seeks time to verify the factual matrix in the matter as stated by the Mr. Pratik Kalantri, learned Advocate for the Applicant.

4. Considering the submissions of Mr. Pratik Kalantri, learned Advocate for the Applicant, list the matter on 4th August, 2025, so as to enable Mr. S. S. Chaudhari, learned APP to obtain instructions and make his submissions.

5. At the request of Mr. S. S. Chaudhari, learned APP and by consent of the parties, list the matter on **4th August, 2025.**

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)