

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1168 OF 2025

Ganesh Babasaheb Zinzad @ Patil ...Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr. Kuldeep U. Nikam a/w Mr. Om N. Latpate and Mr.
Samadhan, H. Ghumane, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mrs. G. S. Rao, A.P.P. for the Respondent – State.

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CORAM : N. R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 6th MAY, 2025

P.C.:

1. This is an application for regular bail.
2. The applicant came to be arrested in Crime No. 198
of 2022 registered at Yeola Taluka Police Station, District:
Nashik (Rural) for the offences punishable under Sections 302,
307, 120-B, 212, 201 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal
Code, and Section 3 read with Section 25 and Section 5 read
with Section 27 of the Arms Act.
3. The applicant is accused No.3 in the aforesaid crime.
There are in all eight accused. According to the prosecution

case, there was property dispute between the deceased and accused No.4. It is alleged that accused No.4 thus decided to kill the deceased and for that purpose entered into conspiracy with the other co-accused. It is alleged that the present applicant was part of said conspiracy. It is alleged that pursuant to said conspiracy on the date of the incident, which took place on 05.07.2022, the accused No.5 committed the murder of the deceased by shooting him dead.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned APP for the respondent/State.

5. The bail is sought on the ground of parity. In support of the submission, the learned counsel for the applicant has placed on record the copies of orders passed by this Court dated 04.11.2023 in Bail Application No.1141 of 2023 and dated 14.03.2024 in Bail Application No.1338 of 2023, with other connected applications. By the said orders, this Court has released the co-accused Pavan Aaher, Santosh Barhmne, Gopal Borgule and Vishal Pingale on bail.

6. I have perused the charge-sheet. The role attributed to the present applicant and the above co-accused appears to

be similar. Apart from it, the applicant is in jail for more than two and half years and the trial has not commenced. Considering the overall facts and circumstances, I am inclined to release the applicant on bail. In the result, the following order is passed:

ORDER

- (i) Criminal Bail Application is allowed;
- (ii) The applicant be released on bail in Crime No. 198 of 2022 registered at Yeola Taluka Police Station, District: Nashik (Rural) for the offences punishable under Sections 302, 307, 120-B, 212, 201 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, and Section 3 read with Section 25 and Section 5 read with Section 27 of the Arms Act, on furnishing PR Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) with one or two sureties in the like amount.
- (iii) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station once in a month, i.e., on first Saturday between 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, till conclusion of the trial.
- (iv) Application stands disposed of accordingly

(N. R. BORKAR, J.)