

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3154 OF 2025

Pinya Ankush Kale

...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Mr. Omkar Choudhary i/b Mr. Shailesh Subhash Kharat, learned Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. Pandurang H. Gaikwad, learned A.P.P. for the State/Respondent.

PSI Mr. Dilip Palve attached to Lonikand Police Station, Pune Rural is present in the Court.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATE : 11th AUGUST 2025.

P.C. :

1. Heard Mr. Shailesh Kharat, learned Advocate for the Applicant. He submits that one of the grounds on which the Applicant is seeking bail, is the long incarceration of Applicant. He submits that the Applicant is in jail for 6 years and 7 months. He submits that though the trial in the present matter has commenced, the same is proceeding at a snail's pace. Out of 36 prosecution witnesses, till date the prosecution has examined only 3 witnesses. He points out to the order dated 29th August 2024 passed in Criminal Bail Application No. 1624 of 2024 wherein two accused persons, i.e., Accused Nos. 2 and 4 in the said crime were released on bail. He submits that the involvement of Accused Nos. 2 and 4 is higher than the involvement of Applicant in the present crime.

2. Issue notice to the State/Respondent.
3. Mr. Pandurang Gaikwad, learned A.P.P. appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the State/Respondent. He prays for 4 weeks' time to file reply.
4. Reply to be filed within a period of 4 weeks from today by serving a advance copy on the learned Advocate for the Applicant.
5. At the request of Mr. Pandurang Gaikwad, learned A.P.P. for the State/Respondent and by consent of the parties, list the matter on **11th September 2025**.

[ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.]

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