

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 3237 OF 2025**  
**IN**  
**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 906 OF 2025**

Ramesh S. Dhamdhere

...Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent.

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Mr. Ishan Paradkar for the Appellant.

Mr. P.H. Gaikwad, APP for the Respondent/State.

PI Asarari Shedge, ACB Pune is present.

**CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.**  
**DATE : 12.09.2025.**

**P.C. :**

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking suspension of sentence and grant of bail during pendency of the above appeal filed by him against the judgment and order dated 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025 passed by the learned Special and Additional Session Judge, Pune in ACB Case No. 20 of 2017, by which the learned Special and Additional Sessions Judge has convicted the present applicant for the offence punishable under Sections 7 and 13(2) read with 13(1) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act and sentenced him to suffer rigorous imprisonment for 3 years and 2 years respectively.

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

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has a good case on merits. It is submitted that the applicant was on bail during the trial. It is submitted that considering the pendency of criminal appeals, the appeal filed by the applicant is not likely to be taken up for final hearing in near future. It is thus submitted that during pendency of the appeal, the sentence imposed by the trial Court may be suspended and the applicant be released on bail.

4. On the other hand, learned APP for the respondent/State submits that the applicant has been convicted for the serious offence punishable under Sections Sections 7 and 13(2) read with 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act. Learned APP submitted that considering the nature of offence, sentence may not be suspended.

5. The fact that during pendency of the trial, the applicant was on bail is not disputed. The applicant has been sentenced to the maximum term of 3 years. Considering the overall facts and circumstances, I am inclined to suspend the sentence and release the applicant on bail. In the result, the following order is passed:

**ORDER**

- a] The Application is allowed.
- b] The substantive sentence imposed by the trial Court upon the applicant by the judgment and order dated 5<sup>th</sup>

August 2025 passed by the learned Special and Additional Session Judge, Pune in ACB Case No. 20 of 2017 is hereby suspended during pendency of the appeal.

c] The applicant shall be released on bail on furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) with one or two sureties in the like amount.

**[N.R.BORKAR, J.]**