**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**
**BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

**CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO.2382 OF 2026**

HARSHAVARDHAN S/O KALYAN RATHOD
*VERSUS*
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

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Mr. N.S. Ghanekar, Advocate for Applicant.
Mr. A.S. Shinde, APP for Non-Applicant-State.

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**CORAM : SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.**
**THR. V.C.**

**Dated : 13th NOVEMBER 2026**

**PER COURT :**

1. Heard learned Counsel for the applicant and learned APP for the State.

2. By this application, the applicant is seeking bail in connection with Crime No.743 of 2026, registered with Police Station CIDCO, Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, for the offences punishable under Sections 109(1), 126(2) read with Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. The brief facts of the prosecution case are that the FIR was lodged by the informant alleging that on 17.10.2026, at about 02.00 p.m., he accompanied with his friend was proceeding on his motorcycle. He was intercepted by the accused persons. At that time,

the accused persons were on a vehicle which was without registration number and alighted from the said vehicle and started inflicting knife blows on the informant. The said assault was pacified by the informant and in the process, sustained grievous injury to the finger of the right hand. In connection with same, the applicant came to be arrested on 22.10.2026.

4. Learned Counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is falsely implicated in the present crime. There are no criminal antecedents against the applicant. He submits that the investigation is almost complete and considering the fact that the applicant is a student and his examination is scheduled immediately. As such further detention would not be warranted and further cause academic loss to the applicant. As such prayed for releasing the applicant on bail.

5. Per contra, learned APP opposes the application and submits that the applicant is named in the FIR and specific role is also assigned to the applicant. In the process, the applicant has inflicted blows with lethal weapon like knife and therefore, prayed for rejection of the application.

6. Upon hearing the respective learned Counsels of the litigating sides and perusal of the investigation papers and considering the fact that the injury is simple in nature and further the applicant being a student and in absence of any previous antecedents, I am inclined to exercise discretion in favour of the applicant. Hence, following order is passed.

**ORDER**

i) The Criminal Application is allowed and disposed of.

ii) Applicant viz. Harshavardhan S/o. Kalyan Rathod, be released on bail on furnishing P.B. and S.B. of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) with one solvent surety of the like amount in the above crime, on the conditions that :

(a) The applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution witnesses in any way.

(b) The applicant shall remain present on each date, unless exempted by the trial Court.

**(SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.)**

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