



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

967 BAIL APPLICATION NO.196 OF 2026

Amol Gangadhar Solanke

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. More P. P.

APP for Respondents: Mr. A.R. Kale

CORAM : S. G. CHAPALGAONKAR, J.

Dated : March 11, 2026

ORDER :-

1. The applicant seeks regular bail in connection with crime no.287 of 2023 dated 28.06.2023 registered at Mantha Police Station, District Jalna for the offences punishable under sections 302, 498-A, 201, 323, 504 of the Indian Penal Code.
2. This is a successive bail application. Applicant's earlier bail application no.2033 of 2023 was dismissed as withdrawn vide order dated 20.12.2023.
3. Present application is moved mainly on the ground that right of speedy trial of the accused has been violated and he is suffering indefinite incarceration due to prolonged trial.

4. On 18.2.2026 Registrar (Judicial) of this Court was directed to call status report indicating progress in the trial of Special Case No.308 of 2023 from the concerned Sessions Judge. The report dated 24.2.2026 is received, which suggests that Sessions Case is progressed. The prosecution has examined as many as six witnesses.

5. Mr. More, learned advocate appearing for the applicant submits that applicant has been arrested on 28.6.2023. The applicant is behind bar for almost three years. Trial is likely to take much more time. The proceeding has been delayed for the lapses on the part of the prosecution in bringing the evidence.

6. In support of his submissions, he relies upon observations of this Court in case of Vikas Chandrakant Patil Vs. State of Maharashtra reported in 2025 ALL (Cri) 2372, wherein this Court released under-trial prisoners, who had suffered incarceration for more than six years six months and trial was not likely to be completed in near future.

7. In the present case, applicant is behind bar for almost two years nine months. Trial Court has already directed the

prosecution to expedite the trial. The applicant's application for grant of regular bail has been dismissed on merits after examining all contentions. In this backdrop, this Court finds no reason to entertain the application. However, it is expected that the trial court should endeavour to decide the Sessions Case no.308 of 2023 within a period of six **(6)** months from today. In case of failure to conclude the trial within a period of six months, applicant shall be at liberty to move afresh for grant of bail on the ground of indefinite incarceration and failure of his right to speedy trial.

(S. G. CHAPALGAONKAR, J.)

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