

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO.3577 OF 2025**

Pappu Alais Suhas Kisan SonwalkarApplicant
Vs.
The State Of MaharashtraRespondents

Mr. Yash Ganesh Fadtare, for the Applicant.
Mr. Anand S. Shalgaonkar, APP, for the Respondent-State.
Mr. D. D. Nale, Dy. S.P. Office Phaltan, Satara.

CORAM : MRS. VRUSHALI V. JOSHI, J.

DATED : 10th FEBRUARY 2026

PC.:-

1. The Applicant has been arrested in C.R. No.625 of 2020 registered with Phaltan Rural Police Station, District Satara, for offenses punishable under Sections 307 and 353 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Sections 3(1)(ii), 3(2), and 3(4) of the Maharashtra Control of Organized Crime Act, 1999.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the Applicant fairly submits that the earlier application filed by the Applicant before the Hon'ble Apex Court was rejected on merits. It is further submitted that the Applicant has been in custody since the year 2021 and that the trial has not yet commenced. On account of prolonged incarceration, the

Applicant has approached this Court by filing the present application.

3. The learned APP has placed on record the *roznama* of the Trial Court, which indicates that the delay in the trial has occurred due to the absence of the learned counsel for the Applicant on several dates, as a result of which the witnesses could not be examined. Since the charge has already been framed, it is evident that the delay in the trial is attributable to the learned counsel for the Applicant. In view of the same, the Application stands **rejected**, with a direction to the Trial Court to expedite the trial.

(MRS. VRUSHALI V. JOSHI, J.)