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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2460 OF 2025

Rohit Balu Kajale … Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra … Respondent

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Mr.Aryan K. Kotwal a/w Mr.Tarag Sayed and Mr.Anish Pereira i/b Mr.Taraq Sayed, for the Applicant.
Mr.M.G. Patil, APP for Respondent-State.
Mr.Datta Shedage, PSI, Kamshet Police Station.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 13th JANUARY, 2026

P.C. :

. By this Application, Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 36 of 2025 registered with Kamshet Police Station, Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) and 22(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 ('NDPS' for short).

2. It is prosecution's case that on 7th February 2025 acting on secret information, Police conducted raid at the house of the Applicant, and in personal search of the Applicant, Police have recovered 20.680 kg mephedrone.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that the Applicant is behind bar for more than 11 months. Investigation is completed and charge-sheet has been filed. The Applicant has no criminal antecedents. There is no progress in trial and requested to allow the Application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that, the Applicant has antecedents. The mephedrone was recovered in his personal search. If the Applicant released on bail, he may abscond or threaten prosecution witnesses, and requested to reject the Application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel. Perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record.

6. The mephedrone recovered from the possession of the Applicant is of intermediate quantity. The Applicant is behind bar for around 11 months. There is no progress in trial, considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

(i) The Applicant-Rohit Balu Kajale be released on bail in Crime No. 36 of 2025 registered with Kamshet Police Station, Pune, on furnishing PR bond of Rs.25,000/- with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount.

(ii) The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence and/or influence the prosecution witnesses.

(iii) The Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits and in accordance with law, uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.

(iv) Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)