IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3367 OF 2026

Mahadev alias Mahadya Ajay Gautam Thorat .Applicant

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra .Respondent

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Mr. Kuldeep Nikam a/w. Ms. Nishi Singhvi, Advocates, for the Applicant
Ms. Sangeeta Phad, APP, for the Respondent – State

CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : 05.10.2026

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1. Heard Mr. Nikam, learned Counsel for the Applicant and Ms. Phad, learned APP for the Respondent – State.

2. This Application is filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short "CRPC") in connection with C.R.No. 631 of 2023 registered with Sangvi Police Station, Pune for offences punishable under Sections 392, 411 r/w. 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short "IPC") and under Sections 3(1)(II) and 3(4) of the Maharashtra Control of Organized Crime Act, 1999 (for short "MCOCA").

3. The Applicant is indicted in an offence of chain snatching and is behind bars for two years and eight months. The evidence of the

prosecution is circumstantial and there is no Test Identification Parade conducted either which *prima facie* impels me to consider the Application for grant of bail, since Applicant is arrested only on the ground of his past antecedents.

4. Hence, in view of above *prima facie* observations and finding, Bail Application of Applicant is allowed subject to the following terms and conditions:-

(i) Applicant – **Mahadev alias Mahadya Ajay Gautam Thorat** is directed to be immediately released from prison in connection with CR. No. 631 of 2023;

(ii) Applicant is directed to be released on bail on furnishing P. R. Bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rs. Ten Thousand only) with one surety of the like amount;

(iii) Applicant shall report to the Investigating Officer at Sangvi Police Station, Pune, once every month, on the first Monday of the month between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. until commencement of trial and thereafter shall attend all dates of hearing before the Trial Court;

(iv) Applicant shall co-operate with the conduct of the trial and remain present before the Trial Court on all dates,

unless specifically exempted. Applicant shall not seek unnecessary adjournments. Any such conduct shall entitle the prosecution to apply for cancellation of bail;

(v) Applicant shall not leave the State of Maharashtra without prior permission of the Trial Court;

(vi) Applicant shall not influence any of the witnesses or tamper with the evidence in any manner;

(vii) Applicant shall keep the Investigating Officer informed of his current residential address and mobile telephone number and shall forthwith inform the Investigating Officer of any change in his residential address or mobile telephone number, as and when such change occurs; and

(viii) Any breach or infraction of any of the aforesaid conditions shall entail cancellation of the bail granted to the Applicant.

5. It is clarified that the observations made in this order are limited for the purpose of granting bail only and I have not made any observations on merits of the case. The trial shall be adjudicated on the strength of the evidence led and strictly on its own merits being

uninfluenced with any of the *prima facie* observations made herein above in this order.

6. Bail Application is allowed and disposed in the above terms.

(MILIND N. JADHAV, J.)