HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.3606 OF 2026

Sandip Ramesh Gangurde .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

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- Mr. Akshay Bankapur, Advocates for Applicant.
- Ms. Anuja S. Gotad, APP for Respondent.
- PSI – Rahul Nalkande, Satpur Police Station, Nashik.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : OCTOBER 05, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Bankapur, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Gotad, learned APP for Respondent.

2. This is an Application under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking Bail in connection with C.R. No.313 of 2025 registered with Satpur Police Station, Nashik for offences punishable under Sections 109, 308(2)(4), 324(4)(5), 351(2)(3), 190, 61(2), 189(2)(4), 212, 228, 238(K)(B) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; Sections 3, 7 and 12 of the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2013; Sections 3 and 25 of the Arms Act, 1959 and Section 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act, 1951.

3. The Applicant is one of the 15 Accused persons in the present crime. *Prima facie*, it is seen that he is arrested as Accused

No.10 but not named in the First Information Report (for short '**FIR**'). Neither there is any seizure from him. He is incarcerated for the past one year in jail. The permission to apply charges under Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999 (for short '**MCOC Act**') under Section 23(2) against the Applicant has been rejected.

4. The case of the prosecution qua the present Applicant is that he was present during the incident in question. In so far as the incident in question is concerned, the principal accused person and his henchmen who are the other accused persons provided protection to the running of the business of Aura Bar and Restaurant and had visited the said place for collecting their dues. During one such collection drive on 05.10.2025, a quarrel occurred in the restaurant which led to the incident in question whereby the injured victim was stabbed on the thigh by one of the Accused persons and the principal Accused person fired a gunshot on the other thigh of the injured victim.

5. Accused Nos.11 to 14 have all been released on bail. Their orders are appended at page Nos.2154 of the Application. In so far as the present Applicant is concerned, he has two antecedents in respect of which for in one antecedent he has been acquitted and one is pending.

6. *Prima facie*, there is no direct evidence of the Applicant having assaulted the injured victim. The Applicant is having a family

and a disabled sister and mother to whom he is required to provide care and support and he is the only bread earner in the family.

7. In that view of the matter, Mr. Bankapur has persuaded the Court to consider parity for the Applicant *qua* his role in the present crime and allow the Application.

8. After perusing the record of the case, it is *prima facie* seen that what Mr. Bankapur has argued appears to be correct.

9. In that view of the matter, case of Applicant is considered for bail.

10. Considering the aforesaid, Applicant has made out case for grant of bail subject to following conditions:-

(i) Applicant - Sandip Ramesh Gangurdeis directed to be immediately released from prison in connection with Crime No. 313 of 2025;

(ii) Applicant is directed to be released on bail on furnishing P.R. Bond of Rs. 15,000/- (Rs. Fifteen Thousand only) with one or two surety / sureties of the like amount;

(iii) Applicant shall report to the Investigating Officer at Satpur Police Station, once every month on the

first Monday of the month between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.;

(iv) Applicant shall co-operate with the conduct of trial and attend the Trial Court on all dates, unless specifically exempted and will not take any unnecessary adjournments, if he does so it will entitle the prosecution to apply for revocation of this order;

(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 address and mobile contact number and / or change of residence or mobile details, if any, from time to time, as applicable; and

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

11. 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 hereinabove in this order.

12. Bail Application is allowed and disposed of in the above terms.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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