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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3728 OF 2026

Sadhu Hulram Mane .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

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- Mr. Prashant Mohite a/w. Ms. Divya Jagdale, Advocates for Applicant.
- Mr. Yogesh M. Nakhwa, APP for Respondent.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : OCTOBER 05, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Mohite, learned Advocate for Applicant and Mr. Nakhwa, 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.535 of 2026 registered with Chikhali Police Station for offences punishable under Sections 287 read with 288 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; Sections 3 and 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and Section 5 of the Explosive Substance Act, 1908.

3. Case of the prosecution is that Applicant was refilling the LPG cylinders by employing a transfer circuit in the establishment called 'Mahalaxmi General Stores and Stationery' in Jadhavwadi area of Pune. According to the prosecution, the said operation of transfer of

LPG gas from a larger cylinder to a smaller cylinder was dangerous and therefore Applicant has been apprehended.

4. Applicant is running the establishment which is a source and means of his livelihood. The refilling circuit and all other material has already been seized by the prosecution and therefore there is no possibility of Applicant tampering or destroying any evidence. Applicant is having deep roots in society and is a permanent resident of the area and has been residing over there since long. In that view of the matter and considering the aforesaid *prima facie* material, further custodial interrogation of Applicant is not necessary in my opinion. The Applicant is therefore granted bail.

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

(i) Applicant – Sadhu Hulram Mane is directed to be immediately released from prison in connection with CR. No.535 of 2026;

(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 sureties in the like amount;

(iii) Applicant shall report to the Investigating Officer at Chikhali Police Station, once every month, on the first Sunday 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 cooperate 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.

6. 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.

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

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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