HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.3783 OF 2026

Shaker Shaber Siddiqui .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

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- Ms. Aarti R. Dharamsey, Advocate for Applicant.
- Mr. Amit K. Munde, APP for Respondent.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : OCTOBER 07, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard Ms. Dharamsey, learned Advocate for Applicant and Mr. Munde, 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.605 of 2025 registered with Panvel City Police Station, Raigad for offences punishable under Sections 419, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

3. Applicant is arraigned as Accused No.2 of having been witnessed Deed of Conveyance dated 01.04.1990 between Vendor and purchaser. It is thereafter alleged that in the year 2021, some registration of same documents has taken place and Index - II has been placed before me by learned APP though it is not part of the charge-sheet which is appended to the present Application.

4. The allegation against Applicant is that there is impersonation by Accused No.1. However considering limited role of Applicant- Accused No.2 of being that of witness to the principal transaction which is not in dispute, I am inclined to grant bail to the Applicant.

5. Needless to state that complicity of Applicant can be proved at trial. All questions are otherwise kept open.

6. Principal accused is already enlarged on bail. Hence, on parity, with the principal accused, present Applicant also deserves to be enlarged on bail.

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

(i) Applicant is directed to be immediately released from prison in connection with Crime No. 605 of 2025;

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

(iii) Applicant shall report to the Investigating Officer at the concerned 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.

8. 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.

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

H. H. SAWANT

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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