IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 3328 OF 2026
IN
APPEAL (ST) NO. 19001 OF 2026

Ramchandra Rajaram Aadke ..Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra …Respondent

Mr. Akshay Bankapur, for the Applicant/Appellant.

Smt. R S Tendulkar, APP for Respondent – State.

P I – Suresh Waman Chavan, ACB, Nashik.

CORAM : N. J. JAMADAR, J.
DATE : 01st OCTOBER 2026

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1. Heard.

2. Admit.

3. Call R & P.

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4. This is an application for suspension of sentence and to enlarge the applicant on bail.

5. By the judgment and order dated 11th September, 2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge in Special

(ACB) Case No.08/2014, the applicant has been convicted for the offences punishable under Sections 7 and 13(1)(d) r/w Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for the later offence, the applicant has been sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for four years and pay a fine of Rs.5,000, with default stipulation.

6. Mr. Bankapur, the learned Counsel for the applicant, submits that, the applicant was on bail during the pendency of the trial. The applicant is 61 years of age. The applicant has a fair chance of success in the appeal.

7. Smt. Tendulkar, the learned APP, resisted the prayer for suspension of sentence. It was submitted that, the learned Special Judge has properly analyzed the evidence and returned the finding of guilt against the applicant.

8. As the applicant has been sentenced to suffer a fixed term sentence and having regard to the large pendency of the appeals, it is extremely unlikely that, this appeal can be taken up for hearing and final disposal in the near future, this Court is inclined to exercise the discretion in favour of the applicant.

9. Hence, the following order :-

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(i) The Interim Application stands allowed.

(ii) The substantive sentence imposed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Nashik, in Special ACB Case No. 08/2015, arising out of CR No. I-08/2014, registered with Nashik Taluka Police Station, Nashik stands suspended till the final disposal of the appeal.

(iii) The Applicant – Ramchandra Rajaram Aadke, be enlarged on bail on furnishing a PR Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/-and a surety in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the learned Special Judge.

(iv) The Applicant shall mark his presence at Nashik Taluka Police Station on the first Monday of November and May every year, till the disposal of the appeal.

(v) The Applicant shall attend the proceedings in this appeal, as and when directed.

[N. J. JAMADAR, J.]