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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.3824 OF 2026

Prashant @ Bala Rajendra Ransingh .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

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- Mr. Aniket Vagal a/w Ms. Kolhekar, Ms. Juhi Kadu, Advocates for Applicant.
- Mr. Yogesh Nakhawa, APP for Respondent-State.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : OCTOBER 12, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Vagal, learned Advocate for Applicant and Mr. Nakhawa, learned APP for Respondent-State.

2. This is an Application under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking bail in connection with C.R. No.392 of 2019 registered with Bundgarden Police Station, for offences punishable under Sections 302, 141, 143, 143, 144, 146, 147, 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and under Section 37(1) of Maharashtra Police Act and under Section 4(25) of the Arms Act.

3. The Applicant is incarcerated and arraigned as Accused No. 3 in the present crime. The case of the prosecution against the Applicant is circumstantial in nature. The FIR is registered by the

prosecution against unknown persons. No specific or precise role is attributed to the Applicant. The motive for the crime is undoubtedly nothing but gang war and its after-effects, revenge taken by the persons to establish supremacy in their area of operation. There is also an eyewitness whose statement is appended at page 226, but the said statement prima facie does not attribute a specific role to the Applicant in question, save and except to state that an assault was carried out by a group of persons. The previous enmity between the Applicant and the complainant's group, as well as some of the complainant's friends who are already incarcerated in Yerwada Prison, is the reason for the motive attributed by the prosecution to the present crime.

4. The Applicant was arrested on 10/10/2019. He was released on bail thereafter in the year 2020 but was re-arrested in another crime in the year 2024 and has been in incarceration for the past 3 years, excluding the COVID-19 period, otherwise. In the present crime, the charge is framed; however, the trial has not yet commenced, but there are 47 witnesses cited by the prosecution who are desired to be examined. Considering the ignominy of the trial not having commenced and not being concluded in time, I am inclined to consider the case of the Applicant for the grant of 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 is directed to be immediately released from prison in connection with CR. No.392 of 2019;

(ii) Applicant is directed to be released on bail on furnishing P.R. Bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rs. Twenty Five Thousand only) with one or two sureties in the like amount;

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