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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO.3846 OF 2026

Ramakant Alias Mosam Brijesh Sahu .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

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- Mr. Shivdarshan Khedkar a/w Adv. Shivam Modi (Through VC), Advocates for Applicant.
- Ms. Gauri Rao, APP for Respondent.
- API Sharad Waghule, Talegaon Dabhade Police Station.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : OCTOBER 13, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Khedkar, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Rao, 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.102 of 2026 registered with Talegaon Dabhade Police Station for offences punishable under Sections 109, 137(2), 308(2), 140(2), 309(6), 241, 118(1), 115(2), 351((2), 351(3), 352, and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. The Applicant is a young offender aged 19 years and was arrested on 8th April 2026 for allegedly accompanying the principal accused. The prosecution case is that the girlfriend of the principal

accused was apprehended by the complainant in connection with an alleged money-trap incident.

4. The material on record prima facie indicates that the Applicant had, in fact, persuaded the principal accused not to assault the injured victim. However, notwithstanding the Applicant's intervention, the principal accused allegedly assaulted the victim in connection with the demand for extortion. The injuries sustained by the victim were allegedly caused by bamboo sticks. No specific role has been attributed to the Applicant in the alleged assault, except that he was accompanying the principal accused at the relevant time.

5. Considering the young age of the Applicant, the absence of any criminal antecedents, and the fact that no specific role has been attributed to him in the alleged assault, I am inclined to consider the Applicant's case favourably for the grant of bail.

6. 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.102 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 concerned Police Station, once every month, on the first Monday 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.

7. 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.

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

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]