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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO.1844 OF 2024

Vijay Chandrakant Supekar	...Applicant
<i>Versus</i>	
The State of Maharashtra	...Respondent

Ms. Anima Mishra a/w Anuj Singh, Ritu Singh i/by Hulyalkar & Associates, for the Applicant.

Ms. Shilpa K. Gajre-Dhumal, APP for the Respondent - State.

API – Amol Talekar, Navghar Police Station, MBVV, present.

CORAM: R. M. JOSHI, J.

DATED: 9th APRIL, 2026.

PC:-

1. The Applicant seeks his release on bail in connection with CR No.211 of 2023 registered with Mira-Bhayander Police Station, for the offence punishable under Sections 420, 120B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('**IPC**') and Sections 3, 4, 5, 21 and 23 of the banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019 (for short '**BUDS Act**').

2. Learned counsel for the Applicant submits that the co-accused, against whom same allegations are made have been enlarged on bail. She places reliance on one of such orders i.e. order dated 28th April 2025 passed in Bail Application No.520 of 2025. It is her submission that including the antecedents, the role of the present Applicant is exactly same which was attributed to the co-accused – Vishnu Dalvi. She therefore seeks bail on parity.

3. Learned APP opposed the application but was unable to point out any distinction in the role of the Applicant as compared to the co-accused, more particularly co-accused - Vishnu Dalvi.

4. In view of the above, there is no reason for this Court not to apply parity. Hence, following order.

ORDER

i) Applicant is directed to be released on bail on furnishing PR. Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount;

ii) Applicant is permitted to furnish provisional cash bail of Rs.25,000/- for his release immediately and file undertaking that he will provide one or two sureties in the like amount of Rs.25,000/- within a period of four weeks after his release which shall be accepted by the Trial Court. Applicant shall provide sureties as directed;

iii) Before his actual release from jail, Applicant shall furnish his address where he proposes to reside after his release from jail to the concerned Police Station and also to the trial Court;

iv) After his release from jail, Applicant shall report to the Investigating Officer as and when called for;

v) Applicant shall attend the trial Court on first Tuesday of every month between 11.00 a.m. and 01.00

p.m. to mark his presence. If the first Tuesday of the said month falls on a holiday and / or non Court working day, the Applicant shall mark presence on the next working day;

vi) 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 cancellation of this order;

vii) Applicant shall not leave the State of Maharashtra without prior permission of the Trial Court;

viii) Applicant shall not influence with any of the witnesses or tamper with the evidence in any manner; and

ix) In case of any infraction of the above conditions and / or two consecutive defaults in marking his attendance before trial Court, it shall attract the provisions of Section 439(2) of Cr.PC. i.e. for cancellation of bail.

5. It is made clear that the observations made herein are *prima facie* and are confined to this Application and the learned Trial Judge to decide the case on its own merits, uninfluenced by the observations made herein.

(R. M. JOSHI, J.)