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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3108 OF 2024

Sumeet Arun Pagare

... Applicant

Versus

State Of Maharashtra

... Respondent

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Mr.Mandar Goswami a/w Mr.Siddhant Choudhari, for the Applicant.
Mr.P.P. Jadhav, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 4th FEBRUARY , 2026

P.C. :

1. By this Application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.425 of 2023 registered with Nashik Road Police Station, Nashik for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c), 22(c), 27(a), 29 of the The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 ('NDPS' for short).

2. It is prosecution's case that police apprehended the co-accused and Police found mephedrone in his possession. It is alleged that the Applicant had financial transactions with the co-accused.

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3. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that the financial transactions shown in the charge-sheet is one year ago from the present crime. The Applicant has no connection with crime. The Applicant is behind bars for more than two years. The Applicant has no antecedents. There is no progress in trial, and requested to allow the Application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the co-accused is brother of the Applicant. The Applicant transferred the amount in the account of the brother. The said amount is used for the purchase of the mepherdone. The Applicant has one antecedent. If the Applicant released on bail, he may abscond or threaten prosecution witnesses, and requested to reject the Application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel. Perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record.

6. The bank statement produced on record shows that the Applicant had transferred the amount in the bank account of the Mrs.Kalpana Pagare in year 2022. Whereas, the present crime is registered in October 2023. The bank transaction was one year old. There is no recovery at the instance of the Applicant. To prove

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conspiracy and role of the Applicant, evidence is required.

7. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

- (i) The Applicant-Sumeet Arun Pagare be released on bail in Crime No.425 of 2023 registered with Nashik Road Police Station, Nashik, on furnishing PR bond of Rs.25,000/- with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount.
- (ii) The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence and/or influence the prosecution witnesses.
- (iii) The Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits and in accordance with law, uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.
- (iv) The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when required.
- (v) Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)