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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4452 OF 2024

Ajay Mohan Bidlan

... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

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Ms.Sana Raees Khan a/w Mr.Haider Tapia and Ms.Palak Kasliwal, for the Applicant.

Mr.P.P. Jadhav, APP for Respondent-State.

Ms.Madhumati Shinde, API, Pimpri Police Station.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 05th MARCH 2026

P.C. :

1. By this Application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.1215 of 2023 registered with Pimpri Police Station, Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 302 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC' for short).

2. It is prosecution's case that the Applicant murdered his wife by smothering her on the ground of family dispute.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that the prosecution's case is based on circumstantial evidence. There is no direct evidence against the Applicant. The Applicant is behind bars for more than two years. The

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Applicant has no antecedents. There is no progress in trial, and requested to allow the Application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that on the day of incident, the Applicant was seen near the house of the deceased. The CDR location of the Applicant shows he was present near the incident spot, it shows his involvement in the crime. It is further submitted that the deceased lodged had complaint against the Applicant. 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 prosecution case is based on circumstantial evidence. To prove involvement of the Applicant, evidence is required. The Applicant is behind bars for more than two years. The Applicant has no antecedents. There is no progress in trial. It may take time to conclude the trial. Charge is not framed.

7. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

(i) The Applicant be released on bail in Crime No.1215 of 2023 registered with Pimpri Police Station, Pune, 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.

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- (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.)