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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 913 OF 2025

Sanjiv @ Vepan Vijendra Yadav

... Applicant/s

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent/s

Mr. Kuldeep Nikam, Advocate for the Applicant.

Ms. Ranjana D. Humane, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 16th JANUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 374 of 2024 registered with Talegaon Dabhade Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c), 22(b) and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 2nd September 2024 around 9.00 pm, the police apprehended the applicant and found in his possession 22.55 gms of mephedrone.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bars for more than one year and four months. There is no progress in the trial. The mephedrone seized from him is of non-

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commercial quantity. It may take time to conclude the trial, and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant has antecedents under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. If the applicant is released on bail, he may abscond and threaten the prosecution witnesses, and requested to reject the application.

5. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the antecedents of the applicant are of the year 2023 and that too of non-commercial quantity. All the witnesses in the present crime are police witnesses.

6. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant was apprehended at night time, and therefore other independent witnesses were not available.

7. I have heard all learned counsel, perused the charge sheet and documents produced on record. The contraband found in possession of the applicant is of non-commercial quantity. Though panchas have signed on the panchanama, their statements are not there. The applicant is behind bars for more than one year and four months. There is no progress in the trial. It may take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, I pass the following order:

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ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 374 of 2024 registered with Talegaon Dabhade Police Station, on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.
- (ii) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.
- (iii) The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed of.

8. It is made clear that the above observations are made only for the purpose of granting bail and the Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits in accordance with law and uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.

9. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)