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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1572 OF 2025**

Chirag Rameshwar Shewale

...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

....Respondent

Mr. Sana Raees Khan with Ms. Neha Balani and Ms. Hars Shah,
Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. Prashant P. Jadhav, APP for Responden-State.

PSI-Prasad Jadhav, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 20th JANUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 802 of 2021 registered with Kondhwa Police Station, District Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 302, 120-B, 307, 326, 323, 324, 141, 143, 144, 147 and 149 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code 1860, Section 4(25) of the Arms Act, Sections 37(1) and 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act and Sections 3(1)(i), 3(2) and 3(4) of the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 15th September 2021 around 9:15 PM, the applicant and co-accused assaulted the brother of the informant with sickle, wooden stick, and steel pipe and murdered him on the ground of old dispute.

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3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bars for more than four years and four months. There is no progress in the trial. The co-accused, against whom similar allegations are made, has been released on bail. It may take time to conclude the trial and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant and co-accused assaulted the brother of the informant and murdered him. The incident is witnessed by eyewitness. If the applicant is released on bail, he may abscond and threaten the prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused the charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The applicant is behind bars for more than four years and four months. There is no progress in the trial. The co-accused Sunil Zare, against whom similar allegations, are made has been released on bail. Hence, the applicant is entitled to bail on the principle of parity. Considering these facts, I pass the following order:

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 802 of 2021 registered with Kondhwa Police Station, District Pune, on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

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(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.

6. 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.

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

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)