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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1808 OF 2025

Bandya @ Purushottam Rajendra Veer

... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

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Mr.Kunal Aher a/w Mr.Gaurish Satpute, for the Applicant.
Ms.R.D. Humane, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 26th FEBRUARY 2026

P.C. :

1. By this Application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.429 of 2021 registered with Hadapsar Police Station, Pune for the offences punishable under Sections 392, 341, 506 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC' for short), Sections 4(25) of the Arms Act, Section 37(1) read with Section 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act and Sections 3(1)(ii), 3(2) and 3(4) of the Maharashtra Control of Organized Crime Act, 1999 ('MCOCA' for short).

2. It is prosecution's case that on 4th June 2021, when First Informant was proceeding to his house, at that time, two persons came near him and by showing sickle robbed his mobile, money and watch. It is alleged

This order is corrected as per speaking to the minutes of order dated 4th March 2026.

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that the Applicant was one of the unknown person who robbed First Informant.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that the Applicant is behind bars for more than five years. There is no progress in trial, and requested to allow the Application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that as Court was vacant, trial could not proceed. The Applicant has seven antecedents. He is gang leader. The mobile of the First Informant is recovered at the instance of the Applicant. If the Applicant released on bail, he may abscond or threaten First Informant and prosecution witnesses, and requested to reject the Application.

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

6. There is delay in lodging the complaint. The Applicant is behind bars for more than five years. He has undergone around half of the sentence. There is no progress in trial. It may take time to conclude the trial.

7. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

(i) The Applicant be released on bail in Crime No.429 of 2021 registered with Hadapsar Police Station, Pune, on

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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.)