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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2402 OF 2025

Appa Dnyandev Mane

...Applicant

VERSUS

State Of Maharashtra

...Respondent

 Ms.Shubhangi Parulekar, for the Applicant. (Through V.C.)

Ms.S.G. Talhar, APP for Respondent-State.

Mr.Tukaram D. Rathod, API, Raigad Police Station, Pune Rural.

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CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 28th APRIL 2026**P.C. :**

1. By this Application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.509 of 2020 registered with Rajgad Police Station, Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 395, 397, 307, 170 and 171 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC' for short), Sections 3(5) of the Arms Act and Sections 3(1)(i)(ii) and 3(4) of the The Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999 ('MCOCA Act' for short).

2. It is prosecution's case that on 6th August 2020, the Applicant and co-accused committed dacoity in the jewellery shop of the First Informant and Applicant open fired on the First Informant and other people gathered there using a revolver with an intention to kill them.

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3. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that the Applicant is behind bars for more than five years and eight months. There is no progress in trial. The co-accused having similar allegations have been released on bail. Hence, the Applicant is entitled for bail on principle of parity and requested to allow the Application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that, the Applicant fired at First Informant and people gathered there with an intention to kill them. The Applicant has antecedents. 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. The Applicant is behind bars for more than Five years. The co-accused having similar allegations have been released on bail. Hence, the Applicant is entitled for bail on principle of parity and I pass following order.

ORDER

(i) The Applicant be released on bail in Crime No.509 of 2020 registered with Rajgad 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.)