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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2060 OF 2025

Dhiren Kumar Rajkumar Pandey ... Applicant

VERSUS

State Of Maharashtra ... Respondent

WITH

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2870 OF 2025

Surajkumar Jagdish Singh ... Applicant

VERSUS

State Of Maharashtra ... Respondent

Mr.Satyam Harshad Nimbalkar i/b. Mr. Abhishek Ulhas Arote, Advocate for Applicant in BA/2060/2025.

Mr. Pranav Pokale a/w. Mr. Aditya Bagal and Mr. Chinmay Sawant, Advocates for the Applicant in BA/2870/2025.

Mr. M. G. Patil, APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 11th MARCH, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Both these applications are out of the same crime hence I am deciding these applications by this common order.

2. The applicants are seeking regular bail in C.R.No. 239 of 2024 registered with Dighi Police Station, Pimpri Chinchwad, Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 306,385, 34 of Indian Penal Code,

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1860 (for short “IPC”) and Section 67(A) of Information Technology Act.

3. It is prosecution’s case that applicants and co-accused morphed whatsapp DP of brother of the first informant and by morphing the said DP, they were asking ransom sum of Rs.51 lakh from the brother of the first informant and harassing him. Due to continuous mental harassment, on 15.05.2024, brother of first informant committed suicide. It is alleged that he has written suicide note and in the said suicide note, he has mentioned mobile numbers through which he was being threatened to pay ransom.

4. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicants that applicants are behind bars for more than one year. They were never in direct contact with the deceased. The applicants have no antecedents. It may take time to conclude the trial. Hence, requested to allow the application.

5. It is contention of learned APP that the mobile number mentioned in the suicide note of the deceased belongs to the applicants. The applicants have received amount from the deceased. It shows their involvement in the crime. The deceased committed suicide due to continuous mental harassment by the applicants. If the applicants are released on bail, they may abscond or threaten prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

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6. I have heard both the learned counsel. Perused chargesheet and documents produced on record. The applicants are behind bars for more than one year. There is no progress in the trial. The applicants have no antecedents. The co-accused having similar allegations have been released on bail. Hence, the applicants are entitled for bail on principle of parity. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

- i. The applicants be enlarged on bail in C.R.No. 239 of 2024 registered with Dighi Police Station, Pimpri Chinchwad, Pune, on executing P.R.Bond of Rs. 30,000/- each, on furnishing one or two sureties in the like amount.
- ii. The applicants shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.
- iii. The applicants shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

7. The applications are allowed in the aforesaid terms and are accordingly disposed of. All pending applications, if any, 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

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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.)