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

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2970 OF 2025

Dipak Shinde	...Applicant
<u>Versus</u>	
The State of Maharashtra and anr.	...Respondents

Mr. Zaid Anwar Qureshi, Advocate for the Applicant.
Mr. M. G. Patil, APP for Respondent No.1-State.
Mr. Sidheshwar Biradar, Advocate for Respondent No.2.
WPSI- Mr. N. S. Khaire, Ravet Police Station, District Pune.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 23rd JANUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 498 of 2024 registered with Ravet Police Station, District Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 69, 352, 351(2) and 115(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is prosecution's case that during the period between June 2024 and August 2024, the applicant sexually assaulted the first informant on the promise of marriage. It is alleged that the applicant extorted money from the first informant.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the first informant is major. The relations between the applicant and the first

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informant were consensual. There is a delay in lodging the complaint. The applicant has no antecedents. He is behind bars for more than one year and two months. There is no progress in the trial and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP along with learned counsel for respondent No. 2 that the applicant sexually assaulted the first informant on the promise of marriage and extorted money from her. If he is released on bail, he may threaten the first informant and prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard all learned counsel, perused the charge sheet and documents produced on record. There is a delay in lodging the complaint. The first informant is major. To prove the allegations against the applicant, evidence is required. The applicant is behind bars for more than one year and two months, there is no progress in the trial. Considering these facts, I pass following order :

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 498 of 2024 registered with Ravet 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 deposit Rs.50,000/- before the trial Court within two months from his release on bail.
- (iii) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.
- (iv) 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.)