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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2996 OF 2025**

Aniket Walmik Sonawane

...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Mr. Himanshu Gavit and Mr. Saurabh Utangale i/b. Mr. Yogesh Ugale and Ms. Aditi Nirgude, Advocate for the Applicant.

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

PSI-Pradip Pawar, Satpur Police Station, Nashik.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 23rd JANUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 361 of 2024 registered with Satpur Police Station, Nashik, for the offences punishable under Sections 109, 126(2), 324(2/6) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 28th December 2024, around 10 p.m, the applicant and co-accused assaulted the son of the first informant with sharp weapon and stone with the intention to kill him.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the

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applicant is behind bars for more than one year. There is no progress in the trial. The co-accused-Yash Ahire, against whom similar allegations are made, has been released on bail, hence, the applicant is entitled to bail on the principle of parity and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant and co-accused assaulted the injured with sharp weapon and stone with the intention to kill him. If the applicant is released on bail, he may abscond or 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 co-accused-Yash Ahire, against whom similar allegations are made, has been released on bail. The applicant is behind bars for more than one year. The applicant is entitled to bail on the principle of parity. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 361 of 2024 registered with Satpur Police Station, Nashik, on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.
- (ii) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.

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- (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.)