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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3197 OF 2025

Dnyaneshwar Murlidhar Choughule ... Applicant

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra ... Respondent

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Mr. Nitin Gaware Patil a/w. Mr. Harsh Rathod, Advocate for Applicant.
Mr. B. B. Kulkarni, APP for the Respondent – State.
PSI – Mr. Mukteshwar Lad, N.D.P.S.Cell, Nashik City, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 30th APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 60 of 2024 registered with Mhasrul Police Station, Nashik, for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c), 20(c) and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 ("NDPS Act").
2. It is alleged that the applicant had provided Ganja to the co-accused and there were telephonic conversation between them.
3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that no Ganja has been recovered from the possession of the applicant. The applicant has been arrested on the basis of disclosure statement of the co-

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accused. The co-accused 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 there are telephonic conversation between the applicant and co-accused, which shows that he was in continuous contact with the co-accused. The applicant has antecedents under the NDPS Act and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both the learned counsel. The co-accused from whose possession Ganja was recovered has been released on bail. Hence, the applicant is entitled for bail on the principle of parity and I pass following order :

ORDER

- i. The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 60 of 2024 registered with Mhasrul Police Station, Nashik, on executing P.R.Bond of Rs. 30,000/- on furnishing one or two sureties in the like amount.
- ii. The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.
- 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.

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6. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed of. All pending applications, if any, disposed of.

7. 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.

8. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)