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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO.3379 OF 2025

Vikas Prakash Gaikwad

... Applicant

Versus

State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

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Mr.Imrahim Shaikh a/w Ms.Rui Danawale i/b Mr.Ashraf Ali Shaikh,
for the Applicant.

Mr.S.S. Pednekar, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 27th JANUARY, 2026

P.C.:

1. By this Application, Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.51 of 2023 registered with Uttamnagar Police Station, Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 341, 342, 347, 364(A), 386, 387, 504 and 506(ii), 109, 201, 120B read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC' for short).

2. It is prosecution's case that on 26th April 2023, at around 6.00 p.m., the Applicant and co-accused kidnapped the First Informant, took him to one farm, detained him there, and forcibly

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poured poisonous substance in his mouth with an intention to kill him. They demanded ransom from him and withdrew amount of Rs.73,000/- from his bank account through phone pay.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that the Applicant is behind bars for more than two years and eight months. It may take time to conclude the trial. The co-accused having similar allegations have been released on bail and requested to allow the Application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that, the Applicant has antecedents. The main allegations are against the Applicant that he kidnapped First Informant, detained him in farm and forcibly poured poisonous substance in his mouth with an intention to kill him. The FSL report is received, which shows that a white liquid found in the plastic bottle was insecticide Dimethoate (Rogar) i.e. poison. 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 co-accused having similar allegations have been released

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on bail. The Applicant is behind bars for more than two years and eight months. There is no progress in trial.

7. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

(i) The Applicant-Vikas Prakash Gaikwad be released on bail in Crime No.51 of 2023 registered with Uttamnagar Police Station, Pune, on 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 Court as and when required.

(v) Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)