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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO.3381 of 2025**

Kunal Balaso Shitole

... Applicant/s

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent/s

Mr. Kuldeep Nikam, Advocate for the Applicant.

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

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 20th JANUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 188 of 2024 registered with Urulikanchan Police Station, District Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 307, 323, 506 , 120-B read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code 1860.

2. It is the prosecution's case that on 30th May 2024, around 2:30 pm, the applicant and co-accused attempted attempted to run over the first informant and his friend by driving a car at high speed, with the intention to kill them.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bars for one year and six months. There is no progress in the trial. The co-accused, against whom similar allegations are made,

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has been released on bail. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant and co-accused attempted to hit the first informant and his friend with a speeding car with the intention to kill them on the ground of an old dispute. If the applicant is released on bail, he may abscond and threaten prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard learned counsel and perused the charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The applicant is behind bars for more than one year and six months. There is no progress in trial. The co-accused, against whom similar allegations are made, has been released on bail. Hence, the applicant is entitled to bail on the principle of parity. Considering these facts, I pass the following order:

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 188 of 2024 registered with Urulikanchan 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.
- (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

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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.)