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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3458 OF 2025

Ajay Pravin Dahekar

....Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra

....Respondent

Mr. Chetan Deshmukh, Advocate for Applicant.

Ms. Kranti Hivrane, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 20th FEBRUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 850 of 2024 registered with Ambad Police Station, District Nashik, for the offences punishable under Sections 109, 351(3), 115, 352 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 18th December 2024, the applicant and the co-accused assaulted the first informant and his friend with knife with the intention to kill them. It is alleged that the applicant inflicted stab injuries on the friend of the first informant with the intention to kill him.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bars for almost 14 months. There is no progress in the trial. The co-accused has been released on bail. Hence, requested to allow

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the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant has 14 antecedents. The injury sustained by the injured is grievous in nature. The applicant assaulted him with knife with the intention to kill him. Knife has been recovered at the instance of the applicant and there are witnesses to the incident. If the applicant is released on bail, he may threaten the first informant and prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both the learned counsel, perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The applicant is behind bars for almost 14 months. There is no progress in the trial. The investigation is complete and charge-sheet has been filed. The co-accused has been released on bail. It may take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, I pass following order :

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 850 of 2024 registered with Ambad Police Station, District 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.

(iv) The applicant shall not enter into Nashik City until the recording of evidence of the first informant, except for attending the court dates.

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.)