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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3462 OF 2025

Chandrakant Shankar Dalvi ... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ... Respondent

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Mr.Akshay Bankapur, for the Applicant.
Ms.Mahalaxmi Ganpathy, APP for Respondent-State.
Mr.Dilip Shinde, for Respondent No.2.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 12th FEBRUARY 2026

P.C.:

1. By this Application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.156 of 2025 registered with Indiranagar Police Station, Nashik for the offences punishable under Sections 64, 64(2), 69, 75(2), 78, 352 and 351 Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 ('BNS' for short).

2. It is prosecution's case that the Applicant sexually assaulted the First Informant on various occasions on the promise of marriage.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that the Applicant is behind bars for more than one year. The investigation is

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completed and charge-sheet has been filed. The relationship between the First Informant and Applicant were consensual. There is no progress in trial, and requested to allow the Application.

4. It is contention of learned APP along with learned counsel for Respondent No.2 that the Applicant recorded sexual act between them in his mobile and threatened the First Informant that he will make the clip viral. 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 all learned counsel. Perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record.

6. It appears from record that the relationship between the Applicant and First Informant was consensual. To prove the allegations against the Applicant evidence is required. The Applicant is behind bars for more than eight months. The Applicant has no antecedents. There is no progress in trial. It may take time to conclude the trial.

7. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

(i) The Applicant-Chandrakant Shankar Dalvi, be released on bail in Crime No.156 of 2025 registered with

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Indiranagar Police Station, Nashik, on furnishing PR bond of Rs.25,000/- with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount.

- (ii) The Applicant shall not contact the victim.
- (iii) The Applicant shall not enter in the jurisdiction of Indiranagar Police station till recording of evidence of Victim, except attending Court dates.
- (iv) The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence and/or influence the prosecution witnesses.
- (v) The Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits and in accordance with law, uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.
- (vi) The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when required.
- (vii) Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)