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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO.3782 OF 2025

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...Applicant

Versus

State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Mr.Abhinandan Vagyani with Mr.Pankaj Kandheri, Mr.Kirti

Purohit and Mr.Ankush Tiwari, *for the Applicant.*

Ms.Gauri S. Rao, APP, *for the Respondent.*

Mr.K.G. Khade,PSI, Saphale Police Station present in Court.

CORAM DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J.

DATED: 04TH FEBRUARY 2026

PC:-

1. By this Application, the Applicant seeks his enlargement on bail in connection with C.R. No.50/2023 dated 6th June, 2023, registered with the Saphale Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 302, 397, 201, 120(B) & 34 of Indian Penal Code (for short CPC).

2. As per the case of the prosecution, the deceased Smt. Padma Bik was the mother of the first informant. It is

stated that on 5th June, 2023, when the first informant returned home from work at around 10:30 p.m., he went with his daughter to meet his mother at her house. However, she was not present, since she was not found, they filed a missing complaint in the Saphale Police Station. While he was in the Police Station itself, the Police received information regarding a woman's body being found in the field near Mande village. He accompanied with the Police and identified the body of his mother. Thus FIR came to be registered and the Applicant was arrested on 28th October, 2023. Two other persons were also arrested as co-accused. The Applicant made bail application before the Sessions Court, Palghar. However, by an order dated 30th September, 2024, his bail application was rejected. Hence he is before this Court for the reliefs as prayed.

3. Mr.Abhinandan Vagyani, learned counsel appearing for the Applicant at the very out set, has placed for my consideration the order dated 16th July, 2024 passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in Bail Application No.1581 of

2025. This order related to the co-accused, who has been enlarged on bail by this Court. It appears from the perusal of this order that the role attributed to all three accused is similar, if not identical. However, this Court by enlarging the co-accused on bail, has observed that apart from the statement under Section 27 of the Indian Evidence Act, there is no independent corroboration to form a complete chain of circumstances conclusively pointing towards the guilt of the Applicant.

4. In these circumstances, since the co-accused having similar role in the commission of the offence, is enlarged on bail on 16th July, 2025 itself, I am inclined to enlarge the Applicant also on bail. It is accordingly ordered as under:-

ORDER

- i) The Applicant be enlarged on bail, on executing PR Bond in the sum of Rs.50,000/ with one or two local sureties in the like amount;

ii) The Applicant shall attend the Trial Court concerned on each and every date unless exempted by the orders of the Trial Court concerned;

iii) The Applicant shall also attend the Police Station concerned once in a month between 11:00 a.m. to 02:00 p.m.;

iv) If the Applicant has not deposited his passport, if any, the Applicant shall deposit the same with the Police Station concerned;

v) The Applicant shall not leave India, without the permission of the Trial Court;

vi) The Applicant shall not tamper or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case;

vii) The Applicant shall inform his latest place of residence and contact number immediately after

being released and / or change of residence or mobile details, if any, from time to time to the Court seized of the matter and to the Investigating Officer of the Police Station concerned;

viii) The Applicant to co-operate with the conduct of the trial;

ix) Any infraction of the aforesaid conditions shall entail cancellation of bail.

5. Application is allowed in the above terms and is accordingly disposed of.

6. It is made clear that the observations made herein are *prima facie* and are confined to this Application and the learned Trial Judge to decide the case on its own merits, uninfluenced by the observations made herein.

(DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J)