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

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3798 OF 2025

Sunil Prakash Deshmukh

....Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra

.....Respondent

Mr. Mandaar Goswami i/b. Mr. Siddhant Choudhari, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. P. P. Jadhav, APP for Respondent-State.

API-Ganesh Mugle, Ambad Police Station, Nashik City, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 3rd FEBRUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 333 of 2023 registered with Ambad Police Station, District Nashik, for the offences punishable under Sections 304, 326-A and 326-B of the Indian Penal Code 1860.

2. It is prosecution's case that the applicant had taken a loan from Bajaj Finance Company. The first informant was the recovery agent, and he was asking the applicant to repay the loan amount. When the first informant and his cousin brother went to the company of the applicant, the applicant threw acid on them due to continuous prodding for repayment of the loan amount by the first informant. Due to the said acid

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attack the first informant and his cousin brother sustained injuries and the cousin brother of the first informant died one month thereafter.

3. It is contention of the learned counsel for the applicant that the deceased survived for one month. Initially, an offense under Section 326-B was registered against the applicant. The applicant had no intention to kill the deceased. The applicant is behind bars for more than two years and eight months., there is no progress in the trial. The applicant has no antecedents and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of the learned APP that the applicant threw acid on the first informant and his cousin brother. The cousin brother of the first informant died. The applicant had an intention to kill the first informant. If the applicant is released on bail, he may abscond and threaten the prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused the charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The cousin brother of the first informant died one month after the incident. The applicant is behind bars for more than two years and eight months, there is no progress in the trial. The applicant has no antecedents. Considering these facts, I pass following order :

ORDER

(i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 333 of 2023

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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.

(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.

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.)