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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3824 OF 2025

Vishal S/o. Sanjay Pawar

... Applicant

Versus

The State Of Maharashtra And Anr

... Respondents

 Mr.Joyeb Shaikh, for the Applicant. (Through V.C.).

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

Ms.Srushti S. Shipurkar, for Respondent No.2.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 2nd APRIL 2026**P.C.:**

1. By this Application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.46 of 2025 registered with Lasalgaon Police Station, Taluka-Niphad, District-Nashik for the offences punishable under Sections 137(2) subsequently added Sections 65 and 68 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 ('BNS' for short) and Sections 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

2. It is prosecution's case that the Applicant had kidnapped the minor daughter of the First Informant and sexually assaulted her.

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3. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that the victim herself went with the Applicant. At the time of the incident, the Applicant was 23 years old. The Applicant is behind bars for more than one year. The Applicant has no antecedents. 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 had kidnapped minor daughter of the First Informant who was 13 years old and took her to Rajasthan and sexually assaulted her on several occasions. If the Applicant released on bail, he may abscond or threaten Victim, 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 victim herself had gone with the Applicant. The Applicant is behind bars for more than one year. 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 be released on bail in Crime No.46 of 2025 registered with Lasalgaon Police Station, Taluka-Niphad,

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

(ii) The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence and/or influence the prosecution witnesses.

(iii) The Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits and in accordance with law, uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.

(iv) The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when required.

(v) Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)