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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO.3879 of 2025**

Shahafahad Alias Sonu Firoz Ansari

... Applicant/s

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent/s

Mr. Tushar Sonawane, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. S. S. Pednekar, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 20th JANUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 339 of 2024 registered with Sahakarnagar Police Station, District Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 180, 318(4) read with Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is the prosecution's case that on 8th October 2024, around 7.00 pm, the police apprehended accused No.1-Nilesh Virkar, and in his personal search, the police found counterfeit currency notes. It is alleged that the said counterfeit currency notes were provided to accused No.1 by the co-accused and the applicant had provided counterfeit currency notes to the co-accused. It is alleged that when the applicant was apprehended, some counterfeit currency notes were found in his possession.

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3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bars for more than one year and two months. Accused No.1 has been released on bail, hence, the applicant is entitled to bail on the principle of parity.

4. Learned APP contends that the applicant was in possession of the counterfeit currency notes, which were provided by him to accused No.1 and other co-accused, it shows active involvement of the applicant in the crime and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel and perused the charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The applicant is behind bars for more than one year and two months. Accused No.1, against whom similar allegations are made, has been released on bail, hence, the applicant is entitled to bail on the principle of parity. Considering these facts, I pass the following order.

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 339 of 2024 registered with Sahakarnagar Police Station, District Pune, 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.

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.)