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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3956 OF 2025**

Darshan Uttam Dhonde

... Applicant/s

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent/s

Mr. Mandaar Goswami along with Mr. Siddhant Choudhari, Advocate for the Applicant.

Ms. Gauri Rao, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 4th MARCH, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.233 of 2024 registered with Ambad Police Station, Nashik, for the offences punishable under Sections 307, 120-B, 143, 144, 147, 148 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, Sections 3(25), 5(1)/27 and 4(25) of the Arms Act, Sections 135 and 142 of the Maharashtra Police Act, and Sections 3(1)(ii), 3(2) and 3(4) of the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 7th April 2024, the applicant and co-accused assaulted the first informant with sickle and fired at him with an intention to kill him on the ground of old dispute.

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3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that due to assault the first informant has not suffered any injury. The applicant has no antecedents. The applicant is behind bars for more than one year and eight months. There is no progress in trial, and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant and co-accused tried to kill first informant by assaulting him with sickle and firing at him. 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 both learned counsel, perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The co-accused-Atharva, against whom similar allegations are made, has been released on bail, hence, the applicant is entitled to bail on principle of parity. Considering these facts, I pass following order :

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No.233 of 2024 registered with Ambad Police Station, Nashik, on executing

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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.)