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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4077 OF 2025**

1. Rekha Murlidhar Shelke
2. Murlidhar Dagdu Shelke

....Applicants

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

....Respondent

Dr. Uday Warunjikar i/b. Ms. Sonali R. Chavan, Advocate for the Applicant.

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

PSI-Suhas Khade, Bhosari Police Station, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 20th JANUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicants are seeking regular bail in Crime No. 408 of 2025 registered with Bhosari Police Station, Pimpri-Chinchwad, for the offences punishable under Sections 108, 80, 85 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is prosecution's case that the applicants are the mother-in-law and father-in-law of the daughter of the first informant, who committed suicide. The daughter of the first informant was married to accused No. 1. It is alleged that due to continuous mental and physical harassment caused by the applicants and co-accused, she committed suicide within three years of her marriage.

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3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicants that the applicants are behind bars for more than four months. The co-accused-Priyanka Nikam, sister-in-law of the deceased, against whom similar allegations are made, has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court. The investigation is completed and charge-sheet is filed. It will take time to conclude the trial and requested to allow the application.

4. It is the contention of the learned APP that there are specific allegations against the applicants in the FIR to the effect that they were torturing the deceased for bringing money and other articles. Due to continuous mental and physical harassment at the hands of the applicants, the deceased committed suicide within three years of her marriage. It is further contended that if the applicants are released on bail, they may threaten the prosecution witnesses and requested to rejected the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused the charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The investigation is completed, charge-sheet is filed. To prove the allegations against the applicants, evidence is required. The applicants are behind bars for more than four months. It may take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, I pass following order :

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ORDER

- (i) The applicants be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 408 of 2025 registered with Bhosari Police Station, Pimpri-Chinchwad, on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- each with one or two sureties in the like amount.
- (ii) The applicants shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.
- (iii) The applicants 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.)