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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4381 OF 2025

Maroti Chandrappa Babanna

... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Mr. Someshwar Pawale a/w. Mr. Harsh Kashyap and Mr. Aniket Borude,
Advocates for the Applicant.

Smt. Ranjana D. Humane, APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 28th JANUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in C.R.No. 120 of 2024 registered with MIDC Bhosari Police Station, Pune, for the offences punishable under Section 302 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short "IPC").

2. It is prosecution's case that on 10.03.2024, around 3.30 p.m., the applicant murdered his wife on the ground of brief quarrel.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that incident occurred suddenly. The applicant has no intention to kill the deceased. The applicant is behind bars for more than 20 months. There is no progress in the trial. The applicant has no antecedents. Hence, requested to allow the application.

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4. It is contention of learned APP that the incident is captured in CCTV footage. He has murdered his wife. If the applicant released on bail, he may abscond or threaten first informant and prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both the learned counsel. Perused chargesheet and documents produced on record. It appears from record that incident occurred out of sudden quarrel. Whether applicant had intention to kill the deceased or not is part of evidence. The applicant is behind bars for more than 20 months. There is no progress in the trial. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

- i. The applicant be enlarged on bail in C.R.No. 120 of 2024 registered with MIDC Bhosari Police Station, Pune, on executing P.R.Bond of Rs. 30,000/- on furnishing 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.
6. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is

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accordingly disposed of. All pending applications, if any, disposed of.

7. 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.

8. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)