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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4421 OF 2025

VAISHALI
ANIL
TIKAM

Saurabh Prakash Mokar

...Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

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Mr. Aniket Vagal a/w. Ms. Juhi Kadu a/w. Ms. Savvy Kolhekar, Advocate
for Applicant.

Mr. B.B. Kulkarni, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 21st APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the Applicant and learned APP for the State.

2. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 439 of 2022 registered with Warje Malwadi Police Station, Dist. Pune for the offences punishable under Sections 307, 394, 427, 504, 506(2), 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1960 (for short 'IPC'), under Sections 37(1)(3) r/w. 135 of Maharashtra Police Act, Section 7 of Criminal Law Amendment Act, Section 3(1) (ii), 3(2), 3(4) of the Maharashtra Control of Organized Crime Act, 1999 (MCOC Act).

2. It is prosecution's case that in the night of 12/11/2022 to 13/11/2022, Applicant and co-accused went to the hotel of first

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informant, as hotel was closed, the first informant refused to give meal to the applicant and co-accused. Due to refusal, applicant and co-accused assaulted the first informant with sickle with intention to kill him and taken away the amount from his cash counter.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that the co-accused Shubham Suddewar, having similar allegations like the applicant, has been released on bail. Hence, Applicant is entitled for bail on principle of parity. Applicant is behind bars for more than 3 and 1/2 years. There is no progress in the trial and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that Applicant and co-accused assaulted the first informant with sickle with intention to kill him. They taken away the amount from the cash counter of the hotel. If applicant is released on bail, he may abscond or threaten prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel. Perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record.

6. The co-accused Shubham Suddewar, having similar allegations like applicant, has been released on bail. Hence, applicant is entitled for bail on principle of parity. Applicant is behind bars for more than 3 and 1/2 years. It may take time to conclude the trial.

7. Considering these facts, I pass following order:

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ORDER

- (i) The Applicant- Saurabh Prakash Mekar be released on bail in Crime No. 439 of 2022 registered with Warje Malwadi Police Station, Dist. Pune, 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.)