

Shubhada S Kadam

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4577 OF 2025

Sham Ashok Pawar

....Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra

....Respondent

Mr. Devidas Jadhav, Advocate for Applicant.

Ms. Ranjana D. Humane, APP for Respondent-State.

Mr. Tikale, PC, Sarkarwada Police Station, Nashik City, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 20th FEBRUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 228 of 2023 registered with Sarkarwada Police Station, District Nashik, for the offences punishable under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code 1860 (for short "IPC") and Section 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 15th August 2023, the applicant stabbed the deceased-his wife and murdered her.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the incident happened out of sudden quarrel. The knife used in the quarrel was a household knife. The applicant is behind bars for more than two years and six 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 applicant assaulted his wife with knife and murdered her. The two children of the applicant are witnesses to the incident. The Trial has started. If the applicant is released on bail, he may threaten the prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record. It appears from the record that the incident occurred suddenly. The applicant is behind bars for more than two years and six months. There is no progress in the trial. The applicant has no antecedents. It might take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, I pass the following order:

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in in Crime No. 228 of 2023 registered with Sarkarwada Police Station, District Nashik, 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.
- (iii) The applicant shall not contact his children.

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- (iv) 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.)