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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4787 OF 2025**

Shahid Jakki Qureshi

... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Mr. Tuushar N. Sonawane, Advocate for the Applicant.

Ms. Gauri Rao, APP for the Respondent-State.

Ms. Tulsabai Pandhari Kamble, PSI – Sahakar Nagar Police Station, Pune, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 8th APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 339 of 2024 registered with Sahakarnagar Police Station, District Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 180, 318(4) read with Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is the prosecution's case that on 8th October 2024, around 7.00 pm, the police apprehended accused No.1-Nilesh Virkar, and in his personal search, the police found counterfeit currency notes. It is alleged that the said counterfeit currency notes were provided to accused No.1 by the co-accused. It is alleged that when the applicant was apprehended, some counterfeit currency notes were found in his possession. It is alleged

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that the applicant had provided counterfeit notes to witness Sahil Shaikh.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bars for more than one year and two months and co-accused having similar allegations has been released on bail, hence, the applicant is entitled to bail on the principle of parity.

4. Learned APP contends that the applicant was in possession of the counterfeit currency notes, he had provided counterfeit notes to witness, it shows active involvement in the crime and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel. Perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The applicant is behind bars for more than one year and two months. Accused No.1, against whom similar allegations are made, has been released on bail, hence, the applicant is entitled to bail on the principle of parity and I pass following order.

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 339 of 2024 registered with Sahakarnagar Police Station, District Pune, 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.

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- (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.)