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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4789 OF 2025

Vishal Anant Mundkar ...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr. Ashok Mundargi, Senior Advocate along with Mr. Shyam Kocharekar,
Mr. Saurabh Butala, Mr. Harshad Sathe and Ms. Aishwarya Hinge,
Advocates for Applicant.

Mr. Prashant P. Jadhav, APP for Respondent-State.

API-Sunil B. Wagh, Panvel City Police Station, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 25th FEBRUARY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.17 of 2025 registered with Panvel City Police Station, District Raigad, for the offences punishable under Sections 316(5), 318(4), 335, 336(1)(2), 337, 338, 339, 341, 178, 179, 183, 45(c), 59, 60, 238, 239, 3(5), 3(6), 3(7) and 3(8) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is prosecution's case that the applicant and co-accused reused the stamp papers of the Court and forged the challans to obtain heirship certificate.

3. It is contention of learned senior counsel for the applicant that the main allegations are against the co-accused. The allegations against

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the applicant are that he destroyed the data stored in the computer of accused No.2, who is the brother-in-law of the applicant. The applicant is an advocate, he is behind bars for more than one year. He has no antecedents and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant conspired with co-accused and they cheated the Court, prepared false challans and used stamps of the Court. The applicant destroyed the data stored in the computer in his office. The co-accused, who is the brother-in-law of the applicant, was working with the applicant. It shows his involvement in the crime. If the applicant is released on bail, he may threaten the prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused the charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The main allegations are against the co-accused. The allegations against the applicant are that he destroyed the data stored by the co-accused in the computer in the applicant's office. To prove the involvement of the applicant in the crime, evidence is required. The applicant is behind bars for more than one year. He is an advocate, he has no antecedents. Considering these facts, I pass following order :

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No.17 of 2025 registered with Panvel City Police Station, District Raigad, on

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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 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.)