

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO.30 OF 2026**

Ashish Kumar Rajkumar Bhatu @ Halu @ Bhadoriya ...**Applicant**

Versus

State of Maharashtra ...**Respondent**

Mr. Prashant Pandey i/by W Three Legal LLP, *for the Applicant.*

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

**CORAM DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J.
DATED: 23RD FEBRUARY 2026**

PC:-

1. Mentioned out of turn at the time of the rising of the Court.

2. Mr. Pandey, learned counsel for the Applicant, brings to my attention that on the last occasions the learned APP was to file Affidavit-in-Reply, but had sought further time. However, till date Affidavit-in-Reply has not been filed.

3. Ms. Gauri Rao, learned APP, seeks two weeks time to file Affidavit-in-Reply. Time is granted. Affidavit-in-Reply be filed within a period of two weeks from today with an advance copy served on the other side.

4. It is made clear that if the Affidavit-in-Reply is not filed before the next adjourned date, the Court will proceed to hear the matter, in the absence of Affidavit-in-Reply of the State.

5. Stand over to **24th March, 2026.**

(DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J)