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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 243 OF 2026**

Seema Raju Sathe	...	Applicant
Versus		
State Of Maharashtra	...	Respondent

Mr. Kudeep Nikam a/w. Ms. Nishi Singhvi, Advocate for Applicant.
Mr. B.B.Kulkarni, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 15th APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in C.R.No. 464 of 2019 registered with Yerwada Police Station, Pune for the offences punishable under Sections 302, 120-B, 109, 143, 147, 148, 149 323, 504 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short "IPC") and Section 37(1) (3) r/w. Section 135 of Bombay Police Act and Section 4(25) of the Arms Act.

2. It is prosecution's case that applicant and co-accused murdered the deceased on the ground of old dispute. It is alleged that applicant instigated the co-accused to kill the deceased.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bars for around two years and eight months. The deceased was externed from Pune city. The allegations against the

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applicant are that she instigated the co-accused to kill the deceased. She is a lady. There is no progress in the trial and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant has violated the bail condition when she was released on Covid bail. There are statements of eye witnesses which shows that the applicant instigated the co-accused to kill the deceased. It shows her involvement in the crime. If the applicant is released on bail, she may abscond or threaten prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both the learned counsel. Perused chargesheet and documents produced on record. The allegations against the applicant are of instigation. The applicant is behind bars for more than two years and eight months. The Applicant has no antecedents. She is a lady. It may take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

- i. The applicant be enlarged on bail in C.R.No. 464 of 2019 registered with Yerwada Police Station, Pune, on executing P.R.Bond of Rs. 30,000/- on furnishing one or two sureties in the like amount.

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- 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.
6. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed of. All pending applications, if any, disposed of.
7. 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.
8. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)