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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO.387 OF 2026**

Gopal Ingale S/o Shrikrishna Ingale	..Applicant
Vs.	
State of Maharashtra	..Respondent

Mr. Mithilesh Mishra i/by Agastya Desai, Advocate for Applicant.
SPP, Mr. Mahesh Mule a/w Ms. Nidhi Narwekar and Mr. S.M.
Mangaonkar, APP for Respondent-State.

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CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 9th APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the Applicant and learned SPP for the State.
2. By this Application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 159 of 2022 registered with Nhava Sheva Police Station, Navi Mumbai for the offences punishable under Sections 364-A, 387, 120B, 342, 323, 109 and 506 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code (for short 'IPC') Sections 3 and 25 of the Arms Act and Sections 3(1)(ii), 3(2), 3(4) and 3(5) of Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999 (for short MCOCA Act”).
3. It is prosecution’s case that the Applicant and co-accused abducted the First Informant in car and assaulted him for paying ransom.

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It is alleged that the Applicant was driving the car in which the First Informant was abducted. It is alleged that after abduction the First Informant was kept in house of the Applicant for one night.

4. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that the Applicant is behind bar for more than 4 years. There is no progress in the trial. The co-Accused having similar allegations, have been released on bail by this Court and submits that applicant is entitled for bail on principle of parity and requested to allow the application.

5. It is contention of learned SPP for the State that the Applicant is the main culprit. If he is released on bail, he may abscond or threaten the First Informant and requested to reject the application. Learned APP submitted hard copy of the Affidavit. It is taken on record.

6. I have heard both learned counsel. Perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record.

7. The Applicant is behind bar around 3 years. The co-accused, having similar allegations, have been released on bail by this Court. It may take time to conclude the trial. Hence, applicant is entitled for bail on principle of parity.

8. Considering this fact, I pass following order:

ORDER

(i) The Applicant- Gopal Ingale S/o Shrikrishna Ingale be released

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on bail in Crime No. 159 of 2022 registered with Nhava Sheva Police Station, Navi Mumbai, on furnishing PR bond of Rs.25,000/- with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount.

(ii) The Applicant shall not enter jurisdiction of Navi Mumbai Commissionerate, till conclusion of trial.

(iii) The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence and/or influence the prosecution witnesses.

(iv) The Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits and in accordance with law, uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.

(v) The Applicant shall attend the concerned police station, as and when required.

(vi) Bail Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)