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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 414 OF 2026**

Anuj Virsingh Chari ... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ... Respondent

Mr. Vinod Kashid, Advocate for the Applicant.

Smt. R.D.Humane, APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 1st APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in C.R.No. 226 of 2024 registered with Kamothe Police Station, Navi Mumbai, for the offences punishable under Sections 309(4), 317(2), 126(2) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short “BNS Act”) and Sections 3(1)(ii), 3(2), 3(3), 3(4), 3(5) of Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999 (for short “MCOCA”).

2. It is prosecution’s case that, on 23.09.2024, when first informant was proceeding to her work on scooty, at that time, co-accused came on motorcycle, snatched gold chain from her neck and ran away. It is alleged that the applicant prepared allen key which was used by the co-accused to steal the motorcycle used in the commission of crime.

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3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bars for more than one year and five months. There are no allegations against him of involvement in snatching the gold chain of the first informant. The allegations against him are of providing allen key to the co-accused, which co-accused used to steal the motorcycle for the commission of the crime. To prove the allegations against the applicant, trial is required. It may take time to conclude the trial and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant has five antecedents. The applicant is a gang-leader. The applicant provided allen key to the co-accused. The co-accused used the said allen key to steal motorcycle and thereafter used said motorcycle in the commission of the crime of snatching the gold chain. If the applicant is released on bail, he 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. To prove the allegations against the applicant, trial is required. The applicant is behind bars more than one year and five months. There is no progress in the trial. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

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ORDER

- i. The applicant be enlarged on bail in C.R.No. 226 of 2024 registered with Kamothe Police Station, Navi Mumbai, on executing P.R.Bond of Rs. 30,000/- on furnishing 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.
- iv. The applicant shall not enter in Raigad District till conclusion of the trial.

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.)