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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 433 OF 2026

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Meghnath Ashok Tapase	...Applicant
Vs.	
The State of Maharashtra and Anr.	...Respondents

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Mr. Shubhankar Kulkarni a/w. Mr. Tanmay Pawar a/w. Lokesh Zanwar,
Advocate for the Applicant.
Mr. S.R. Agarkar, APP for the State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 30th MARCH, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Not on board. Upon mentioning the matter by Praecipe, the matter is taken on production board.
2. By this application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 169 of 2025 registered with Sinhgad Road Police Station, District Pune for the offences punishable under Section 103(1) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. It is prosecution's case that on 28/03/2025, Applicant murdered his nephew by stabbing in his chest.
4. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that the incident occurred suddenly. Applicant has no intention to kill the deceased. Applicant is behind bars for more than one year. There is no

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progress in the trial. It may take time to conclude the trial. Applicant has no antecedents.

5. It is contention of learned APP that there is eye witness to the incident. Applicant initially assaulted the deceased with belt and thereafter stabbed knife in his chest. Applicant had intention to kill the deceased. If the Applicant is released on bail, he may abscond or threaten prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

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

7. It appears from record that the incident occurred out of sudden quarrel. To prove the intention of the Applicant in the present crime, evidence is required. The Applicant is behind bars around one month. There is no progress in the trial. It may take time to conclude the trial. Applicant has no antecedents.

8. Considering these facts, I pass following order:

ORDER

(i) The Applicant- Meghnath Ashok Tapase be released on bail in Crime No. 169 of 2025 registered with Sinhgad Road Police Station, District Pune on furnishing PR bond of Rs.25,000/- with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount.

(ii) The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence and/or

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influence the prosecution witnesses.

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

(iv) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required and cooperate with the investigating officer.

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

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)