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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 518 OF 2026

Shubham Prabhakar Jadhav

....Applicant

VERSUS

State Of Maharashtra

....Respondent

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Mr.Chaitanya Mulawkar a/w Mr.Harish Garde and Mr.Vaibhav Lawande,
for the Applicant.

Ms.K.T. Hiwrale, APP for Respondent-State.

Ms.Shobha Bhandvalkar, API, Chaturshrungi Police Station.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 22nd APRIL 2026

P.C. :

1. By this Application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.469 of 2024 registered with Chaturshrungi Police Station, Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 397, 364-A, 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC' for short), Sections 3(25) of the Arms Act, Section 37(1) read with Section 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act, and Sections 3(1)(ii), 3(2) and 3(4) of the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999 ('MCOCA' for short).

2. It is prosecution's case that on 22nd May 2024, when First Informant was taking walk with his friend, the Applicant and co-accused came there and threatened him by showing pistol and robbed money and

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gold. It is alleged that ATM card of the First Informant was taken and money was withdrawn from the said ATM card.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that the Applicant is behind bars for more than one year and nine months. The Applicant has no antecedents. There is no progress in trial. In charge-sheet, it is shown that Vespa Scooter was used in the commission of crime which is recovered at the instance of the Applicant. However, in FIR, it is mentioned that the Applicant and co-accused left on their Activa Scooter, and requested to allow the Application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the Applicant was a part of group who robbed the First Informant. The provisions of MCOCA are applied against the Applicant. If the Applicant released on bail, he may abscond or threaten First Informant and prosecution witnesses, and requested to reject the Application.

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

6. The Applicant has no antecedents. The Applicant is behind bars for more than one year and nine months. There is no progress in trial. It may take time to conclude the trial.

7. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

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ORDER

- (i) The Applicant be released on bail in Crime No.469 of 2024 registered with Chaturshrungi Police Station, 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 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.
- (v) Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)