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

**CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 608 OF 2026**

Kapil Chetan Bhat

... Applicant

*Versus*

State Of Maharashtra And Anr

... Respondents

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Mr.Bhavesh Tahkur a/w Mr.Shivam Kukreja i/b Goenka Law Associates, for the Applicant.

Mr.B.B. Kulkarni, APP for Respondent-State.

Mr.Ajinkya Jagdale a/w Mr.Yogesh Patil, Ms.Prajakta Gaikwad, Mr.Abhijeet Mirkute and Mr.Prashant Giri, for Respondent No.2(First Informant).

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**CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.**

**DATE : 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

**P.C. :**

1. By this Application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.113 of 2022 registered with Yerwada Police Station, Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 307, 354(D) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC' for short), Sections 4, 25 of the Arms Act, Section 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 ('POCSO' for short), Section 37(1) read with Section 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act, Section 3 and 7 of Criminal Law Amendment Act.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022, around 11.00

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a.m., when daughter of the First Informant was in school, the Applicant went to school and assaulted her with knife with an intention to kill her.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that the Applicant is behind bars for more than four years. At the time of the incident, the Applicant was 22 years old. There is no progress in trial. It may take time to conclude the trial, and requested to allow the Application.

4. It is contention of learned APP along with learned counsel for Respondent No.2 that at the time of incident age of the victim was 15 years. The Applicant went to her school and assaulted her with knife on several body parts. Due to assault she has suffered grievous injuries. Her spleen is removed. The mother of the Applicant has threatened the family member of the First Informant. If the Applicant released on bail, he may abscond or threaten Victim, First Informant and prosecution witnesses, and requested to reject the Application.

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

6. At the time of the incident, the Applicant was 22 years old. The Applicant is behind bars for more than four years. Yet trial is not concluded. 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.113 of 2022 registered with Yerwada 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 enter in the area where the Victim stays.
- (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) Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)