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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 659 OF 2026

Sonu @ Aditya Raju Avhad

... Applicant

versus

The State Of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Mr. Akshay Bankapur, Advocate for Applicant.

Mr. M.G.Patil, APP for Respondent-State.

API – Ms. Nilima Dolas, Nashik Rural Police Station, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 24th APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 16 of 2024 registered with Ozar Police Station, Nashik, for the offences punishable under Section 302 r/w. 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short “IPC”).

2. It is prosecution’s case that the applicant and co-accused murdered the deceased as deceased was carrying the knife and he was trying to assault the people in the said vicinity.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bars for more than two years. The applicant has no antecedents. Investigation is completed. Charge-sheet has been filed. The

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applicant has been arrested on the basis of suspicion and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant and co-accused murdered the deceased. The wooden rod used in the commission of crime is recovered at the instance of the applicant. There are eye witnesses to the incident. 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 charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The applicant is behind bars for more than two years. The applicant has no antecedents. The applicant is not seen in the video, which allegedly recorded of the said incident. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

- i. The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 16 of 2024 registered with Ozar Police Station, Nashik, 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

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attempt to influence or contact the complainant,
witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

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.)