

Shubhada S Kadam

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 722 OF 2026

Balasaheb Baliram Bangar

...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Mr. Priyal Sarda along with Mr. Sharad Bhoite, Mr. Kishan Chaudhari, Mr. Subham Sane, Advocate for Applicant.

Ms. Kranti Hiwrale, APP for Respondent-State.

Mr. Harsh Dedhia, Advocate for the Intervenor.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 5th MAY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 364 of 2024 registered with Bhosari MIDC Police Station, District Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 140(2), 142, 308(3), 308(4), 308(5), 115(2), 352, 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Section 37(1)(a) read with Section 135 and 142 of the Maharashtra Police Act and Section 3 (1)(ii) and 3(4) of the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act, 1999.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 12th July 2024, the applicant kidnapped the first informant as he was not purchasing his scrap and demanded ransom by threatening with sickle.

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3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bars for more than 18 months and there is no progress in the trial. The first informant has consented to allow the bail application before the Trial Court and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant kidnapped the first informant and demanded ransom from him by threatening him with sickle. If the applicant is released on bail, he may threaten the prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

5. Learned counsel for respondent No. 2 submits that respondent No. 2 has no objection if the bail application is allowed.

6. I have heard all learned counsel and perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The applicant is behind bars for around 18 months. There is no progress in the trial. It may take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, I pass following order:

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 364 of 2024 registered with Bhosari MIDC Police Station, District Pune, on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

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- (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.

The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed of.

6. 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.

7. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)