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

BAIL APPLICATION NO.821 OF 2026

Shailesh Shyamrao Shinde

.... Applicant

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra

.... Respondent

Mr. Vinod Kashid for the Applicant.

Mr. S. V. Walve, APP for the Respondent-State.

Mr. D. Y. Patil, PSI, Bhayandar police station present.

CORAM : SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.

DATED : 17th JUNE, 2026

P.C. :-

1) Present Application seeking release of the Applicant on bail in connection with C.R. No.220 of 2024 registered with Bhayander police station for the offence punishable under Sections 420, 465, 468, 469, 471 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code (for short "I.P.C.").

2) Heard Mr.Kashid, learned Counsel for the Applicant and Mr.Walve, learned APP for the Respondent-State. Perused the record.

3) The prosecution case is that between January 2022 to 11th June 2024, while the Applicant was working as Junior Engineer in Property Management Department, Bhayander Municipal Corporation, he and accused No.2 prepared false allotment letters forging signature of Applicant's superior to allot 14 stalls to different persons and for that purpose, the Applicant has demanded and accepted total Rs.7,35,000/-. Therefore, on the report of Yogesh Gharat, Junior Clerk of the Corporation, the aforesaid crime came to be registered. The Applicant was arrested on 16th September 2025. On the completion of the investigation, the police

submitted the charge-sheet.

4) Mr.Kashid, learned Counsel for the Applicant submitted that the Applicant has not forged the alleged documents. There is no documentary evidence to show that the Applicant has received the alleged amount from the victims. As such, the Applicant is innocent. However, the Applicant is voluntarily willing and ready to deposit the alleged amount of Rs.7,35,000/- in the trial Court, without prejudice to the defence and contentions of the Applicant to be raised in the trial Court and other proceedings arising out of this crime. Therefore, the Applicant may be released on bail.

5) Mr.Walve, learned APP has opposed the Application. He submitted that the Applicant and the co-accused have prepared the false documents in connivance with each other and the Applicant has received said amount from the victims. The Applicant has committed this offence while he was working as a public servant. Therefore and considering the seriousness of the offence, the Applicant shall not be released on bail.

6) I have considered the these submissions. Considering the material on record, *prima facie* it appears that the Applicant has committed the alleged offence. Be that as it may. Now the investigation is over and further detention of the Applicant in jail is not required. The trial will take considerable time. The Applicant is not likely to abscond or tamper with the prosecution evidence. The Applicant is ready to deposit the alleged amount in the trial Court. The co-accused has been released on bail. Earlier, the Applicant was booked in an offence under the Prevention of Corruption Act, as submitted by Mr.Walve, learned APP. However, Mr.Kashid states that, the Applicant has been acquitted.

7) In the wake of above, the Applicant is entitled for bail. Hence, the

following Order is passed :-

- (i) The Applicant-Shailesh Shyamrao Shinde shall be released on bail in connection with FIR No.220 of 2024 registered with Bhayander police station for the offence punishable under Sections 420, 465, 468, 469, 471 read with 34 of the I.P.C., on his furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.
- (ii) The Applicant shall mark his attendance at Bhayander police station on the 1st day of each calendar month between 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm, till the conclusion of the trial.
- (iii) The Applicant shall regularly attend the proceedings before the jurisdictional Court unless exempted by the said Court, for reasons to be recorded in writing.
- (iv) The Applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence and shall not directly or indirectly influence upon the prosecution witness/es to prevent them from deposing against him.
- (v) On being released from jail, the Applicant shall furnish his contact number and residential address to the Investigation Officer and shall keep him updated, in case there is any change.
- (vi) By way of abundant caution, it is clarified that the observations made hereinabove are confined for the purpose of determination to the entitlement for bail and they may not be construed as an expression of opinion on the guilt or otherwise of the Applicant and the trial Court shall not be influenced by any of the observations made hereinabove.

8) Mr.Kashid, the learned Advocates states that before his release on bail, the Applicant will deposit Rs.7,35,000/- in the trial Court without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the Applicant to be raised in the trial Court and other proceedings arising out of this crime.

The said statement is taken on record.

9) Application stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.)