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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1049 OF 2026

Abdul Karim Shaikh	Applicant
<u>versus</u>	
The State of Maharashtra	Respondent

Mr. Suyash N.Khose, Advocate for Applicant.

Mr. S. M. Mangaonkar, APP for Respondent-State.

API-Santosh Jadhav, Lonavala City Police Station, Pune Rural, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 23rd APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 305 of 2025 registered with Lonavala Police Station, District Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c), 20, 25 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 6th August 2025, the police apprehended the applicant and found 2.70 kg of Ganja in his possession.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant has no antecedents. The Ganja found in applicant's possession was of non-commercial quantity. The applicant is behind bars for around eight months. It may take time to conclude the trial, and requested to allow the application.

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4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant was found in possession of 2.70 kg of Ganja, which shows his involvement in the crime. If the applicant is released on bail, he may abscond. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused charge sheet and documents produced on record. The ganja found in the possession of the applicant was of non-commercial quantity. The applicant has no antecedents. It may take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, I pass the following order:

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 305 of 2025 registered with Lonavala 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.
- (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.

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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.)