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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1162 OF 2026

Akshay Chandrakant Mukane

....Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

....Respondent

Ms. Trupti Khamkar, Advocate for Applicant.

Ms. Gauri Rao, APP for Respondent-State.

ASI-S.D. Nimkar, Mangaon Police Station, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 5th MAY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 102 of 2025 registered with Mangaon Police Station, District Raigad, for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1) and 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 18th May 2025, at around 8:40 PM, the applicant assaulted the deceased with a sickle and murdered him.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the incident occurred out of a sudden quarrel. The deceased assaulted the applicant with a wooden rod on his head, and thereafter the applicant assaulted the deceased with a sickle. There was no premeditation in the said crime. The applicant is behind bars for more than eleven months. The

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applicant has no antecedents and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant abused the mother of the first informant. When the first informant, his mother and the deceased confronted the applicant, he assaulted the deceased with a sickle. The applicant had the intention to kill the deceased as he assaulted him with a sickle. If the applicant is released on bail, he may threaten the prosecution witnesses, and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record. From the contents of the FIR, it appears that the incident happened suddenly, as the deceased assaulted the applicant on the head, and in retaliation, the applicant assaulted the deceased with a sickle. To prove the involvement of the applicant in the crime, trial is required. The applicant is behind bars for more than eleven months. The applicant has no antecedents. Considering these facts, I pass following order:

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 102 of 2025 registered with Mangaon Police Station, District Raigad, 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 not enter the jurisdiction of Mangaon Police

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Station till recording of evidence of the first informant and eyewitness.

(iii) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.

(iv) 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.)