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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1228 OF 2026

1. Vishal Suresh Gosavi
 2. Abhiman @ Subhash Suresh Ovhal
 3. Akash Sukhdev Ghodke
- ... Applicants

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Mr. Shailesh Kharat a/w. Mr. Vishwajeet Nimbalkar, Advocate for Applicants.

Smt. Ranjana D. Humane, APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 20th APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the Applicants, learned APP for the State.

2. By this Application, the Applicants are seeking regular bail in Crime No. I-440 of 2024 registered with Loni Kalbhor Police Station, Dist. Pune for the offences punishable under Sections 111, 112, 303(2), 61(2), 316(3), 287 and 288 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 4,5 and 6 of Explosive Substances Act and Sections 3 & 7 of Essential Commodities Act.

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3. It is prosecution's case that Applicants and co-accused committed theft of fuel from the tankers of petrol company.

4. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicants that the co-accused who were arrested on the spot, have been released on bail by this Court. Hence, Applicants are entitled for bail on principle of parity. Applicants are behind the bars for more than one year and seven months and requested to allow the Application.

5. It is contention of learned APP that Applicants are the main culprit. The persons who were arrested on the spot were their servants and were working for the Applicants. The Applicants have antecedents. If Applicants are released on bail, they may abscond or threaten the prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the Application. Charge is framed.

6. I have heard both learned counsel. Perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record.

7. The co-accused, having similar allegations, have been released on bail. Hence, Applicants are entitled for bail on principle of parity.

8. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

- i. The Applicant No.1- Vishal Suresh Gosavi, Applicant

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No.2 - Abhiman @ Subhash Suresh Ovhal and Applicant
No.3 - Akash Sukhdev Ghodke be released on bail in
Crime No. I-440 of 2024 registered with Loni
Kalbhor Police Station, Dist. Pune, on furnishing PR
bond of Rs.25,000/- each, with one or two solvent
sureties in the like amount.

- ii. The Applicants shall not tamper with the evidence
and/or influence the prosecution witnesses.
- iii. The Trial Court shall decide the case on its own
merits and in accordance with law, uninfluenced by
the observations made in this order.
- iv. The Applicants shall attend the concerned Police
Station as and when required.
- v. Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)