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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1322 OF 2026

Ashwin Anandrao Chavan

...APPLICANT

VERSUS

State Of Maharashtra

...RESPONDENT

Mr. Hrishikesh Ghorpade, Mr. Siddharth Sutaria and Mr. Omkar Desai,
Advocate for Applicant.

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

Mr. C. R. Morkhande, PSI, Chakan Uttar. P. C.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 8th MAY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 1583 of 2021 registered with Chakan Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 307, 353, 332 r/w. 34 of Indian Penal Code and Sections 3(25)(27) of the Arms Act, 1959 and Sections 142, 37(1)(3) of Maharashtra Police Act.

2. It is prosecution's that, on 26th December, 2021 the applicant and co-accused fired at the police team, who had gone to apprehend them, with intention to kill them.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for Applicant that applicant is behind bars for more than four years and four months. There is no progress in the trial and 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 applicant has antecedents and the provisions under the MCOC applied against him. The Applicant tried to kill police team who had gone to arrest applicant and co-accused. If applicant is released on bail, he may abscond or threaten and prosecution witnesses, and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused the charge-sheet and the documents produced on record. The Applicant is behind bars for more than four years and four months, yet charge is not framed. It may take time to conclude the trial.

6. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 1583 of 2021 registered with Chakan Police Station, 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 complaint, 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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7. 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.

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

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)