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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1353 OF 2026

Shankar Mukesh Kambale

.....Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra

....Respondent

Mr. Chetan H. Deshmukh, Advocate for Applicant.

Ms. Gauri Rao,. APP for Respondent-State.

API-Ganesh Mugle, Ambad Police Station, Nashik City, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 23rd APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 367 of 2025 registered with Ambad Police Station, District Nashik, for the offences punishable under Sections 109, 189(1), 189(2), 189(4), 191(3), 324(4) and 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 7 of Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2013.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 1st June 2025, around 10.00 pm, the applicant and co-accused assaulted the informant with a sharp weapon and damaged his vehicle with the intention to kill him.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bars for around nine months. The co-accused, against whom similar allegations are made, has been released on bail. The

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applicant did not participate in the assault on the first informant. It may take time to conclude the trial. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the entire incident is captured on CCTV footage. In the CCTV footage, the applicant is seen damaging the vehicle of the first informant with a sharp weapon. If the applicant is released on bail, he may abscond or threaten the prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused charge- sheet and documents produced on record. The co-accused, against whom similar allegations are made, has been released on bail. The applicant did not participate in the assault on the first informant. The applicant is behind bars for around nine months. The investigation is complete, and the charge sheet has been filed. It may take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, I pass the following order:

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail Crime No. 376 of 2025 registered with Ambad Police Station, District Nashik, on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

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(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.

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.)