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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1365 OF 2026

Krushna Jayram Gorane

.....Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra

.....Respondent

Ms. Chetan H. Deshmukh, Advocate for Applicant.

Mr. S. R. Agarkar, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 23rd APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.370 of 2024 registered with Indira Nagar Police Station, District Nashik, for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 61(2), 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act.

2. It is prosecution's case that the applicant and co-accused murdered the husband of the co-accused. It is alleged that the applicant had illicit relations with the wife of the deceased i.e the co-accused, and her husband was becoming a hurdle in their relationship.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the co-accused, the wife of the deceased, has been released on bail. The applicant is behind bars for around 16 months. There is no progress in the

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trial. The prosecution's case is based on circumstantial evidence. The applicant has no antecedents. It may take time to conclude the trial. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of the learned APP that the applicant had a motive to kill the deceased. The weapon used in the crime was recovered at the instance of the applicant. 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 prosecution's case is based on circumstantial evidence. The co-accused, the wife of the deceased, has been released on bail. The applicant is behind bars for around 16 months. There is no progress in the trial. The applicant has no antecedents. It may take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, I pass following order:

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No.370 of 2024 registered with Indira Nagar 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.)