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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1602 OF 2026

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Mufassir @ Mini Abdul Rashid Khandeshi

...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

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Mr. Pratyush Ranjan i/by. Halai & Co., Advocate for Applicant.

Ms. K.T. Hiwrale, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 4th May, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the Applicant and learned APP for the State.
2. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 89 of 2025 registered with Goregaon Police Station, District Raigad, for the offences punishable under Sections 178, 180 r/w. 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNS').
3. It is prosecution's case that on secret information, police raided the house of the applicant and in the said search, police found four counterfeit currency notes of Rs.500/- and one note of Rs.200/-.
4. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that, applicant is behind bars around eight months. Investigation is completed

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and charge-sheet has been filed. The co-accused having similar allegations, has been released on bail and requested to allow the application.

5. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant was dealing with the counterfeit notes. He was in conspiracy with the co-accused. the police found counterfeit notes in the possession of the co-accused. If the applicant is released on bail, he may abscond or threaten prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

6. I have heard both learned counsel. Perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record. Though the police received secret informant about dealing with the counterfeit notes by three persons, police found counterfeit notes in the possession of one of the co-accused. Nothing is recovered at the instance of the applicant. To prove that role of the applicant in crime, evidence is required. It may take time to conclude the trial. The Applicant is behind bars for around five months. In view of above, I pass following order.

ORDER

(i) The Applicant- Mufassir @ Mini Abdul Rashid Khandeshi be enlarged on bail in C.R. No. 89 of 2025 registered with Goregaon Police Station, District Raigad, on executing P.R. Bond of Rs.30,000/- on furnishing one or two sureties in the like amount.

(ii) The Applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and

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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.

7. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed of. All pending applications, if any, disposed of.

8. 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.

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

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)