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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1735 OF 2026

Sonu @Shivram Suresh Thatashingar

...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Mr. Aniket Vagal along with Ms. Savvy Kolhekar and Ms. Juhi Kadu,
Advocate for Applicant.

Mr. M. G. Patil, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 5th MAY, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 168 of 2024 registered with Lasalgaon Police Station, District Nashik, for the offences punishable under Sections 109, 118(1), 189 (2), 189(4), 190, 191(2), 191(3), 351(2), 351(3), 351(4), 352, 61(2)(a) and Section 103 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 1st July 2024, the applicant and co-accused murdered the brother of the first informant on the ground of an old dispute.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that co-accused-Vicky @ Vikas Somanth Gaikwad, against whom similar allegations are levelled, has been released on bail by this Court

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(Coram: Shyam C. Chandak, J.), hence, the applicant is entitled for bail on the principle of parity. The applicant is behind bars for more than one year and nine months. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant was part of the group who murdered the deceased. The applicant has one antecedent. If he is released on bail, he may threaten the prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The applicant is behind bars for more than one year and nine months. The co-accused- Vicky @ Vikas Somanth Gaikwad against whom similar allegations are levelled, has been released on bail by this Court and the applicant is entitled for bail on the principle of parity. Considering these facts, I pass following order:

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 168 of 2024 registered with Lasalgaon 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.
- (ii) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.

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- (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.)