

Ajit Pathrikar

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 296 OF 2026
IN
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 5216 OF 2024**

Maheswaran Thondappa Rajgopal ...Applicant
Versus
Union Of India And Anr. ...Respondents

Ms. Mallika Sharma *a/w Zehra Charania i/b Ayaz Khan, for
the Applicant.*

Ms. Megha S. Bajoria, *SPP for Respondent No.1.*

Ms. Anuja S. Gotad, *APP for the State-Respondent No.2.*

CORAM DR. NEELA GOKHALE, J.
DATED: 17th FEBRUARY 2026

PC:-

1. This is an Application seeking Interim Bail on medical grounds for a period of six months.

2. Heard Ms. Mallika Sharma, learned counsel for the Applicant, Ms. Megha Bajoria, learned SPP for the Union of India and Ms. Anuja Gotad, learned APP for the State-Respondent.

3. By the order dated 9th February 2026, Ms. Gotad was requested to call for a report from the Superintendent, Taloja Central Prison regarding the health status of the Applicant. Today, Ms. Gotad has placed on record the said report concerning the health status of the Applicant. The same is taken on record and marked as “X” for identification.

4. The report is dated 16th February 2026, the present health status according to report is as under:

“Present Health Status: - The said prisoner was examined by prison medical officer on dated 10/02/2026. He has no active complaints. However, he is known case of Left sided hemiparesis with cerebrovascular accident (stroke) and hypertension for which he takes regular medicines. At present his general condition is moderate and vital parameters are within normal limits. He has decreased power in left upper and lower limb. He will refer to higher center as and when needed as per the availability of police escorts.”

5. Considering that the Applicant is stable and does not have any active complaints presently, I am not inclined to

grant Interim Bail to the Applicant. However, it is made clear that in case of any medical emergency or any deterioration in the medical condition of the Applicant, the prison authorities shall take the Applicant for treatment to the J.J. Hospital as and when needed, irrespective of the availability of adequate police escort.

6. The present Interim Application is rejected and disposed of accordingly.

7. The regular Bail Application to be listed on 17th March 2026 as per the request of learned counsel for the Applicant.

(Dr. Neela Gokhale, J)