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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 788 OF 2026
in
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 251 OF 2026

Ravi Bhushan PrasadApplicant

versus

The State of MaharashtraRespondent

Mr. Vivekand Krishnan along with Mr. Manthan Yadav, Advocate for Applicant.

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

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 12th MARCH, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking suspension of sentence and bail during the pendency of appeal.

2. The applicant has been convicted for the offences punishable under Section 420 read with Section 120-B of the Indian Penal Code 1860 (for short "the IPC") and Section 13(1)(d) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act ("for short "the PC Act"). For the offence punishable under Section 420 read with section 120-B of the IPC, the applicant is sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for three years and to pay fine of Rs.25,000/-, in default of payment to fine, to suffer rigorous imprisonment for six months. For the offence punishable under Section

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13(1)(d) read with Section 13(2) of the P.C. Act, the applicant is sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for three years and to pay fine of Rs.50,000/-, in default of payment of fine, to suffer rigorous imprisonment for one year.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that during the appeal period, the Trial Court has granted bail to the applicant and suspended his sentence. During the trial, the applicant was on bail and he attended the trial regularly. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. The learned APP for respondent-State strongly objected to allow the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel.

6. The maximum sentence imposed on the applicant is of three years. The trial Court has granted bail to the applicant and suspended his sentence during the appeal period. During the trial, the applicant was on bail and he attended the trial regularly. The applicant has also paid fine amount as directed by the Trial Court. It may take time to dispose of the appeal.

7. In view of above, the applicant's sentence is suspended and he is enlarged on bail, pending the hearing and final disposal of the appeal, on the following terms and conditions:

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ORDER

- i. The applicant be enlarged on bail on furnishing
P. R. Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one
or two sureties in the like amount.
- ii. The bail bond to be furnished before the Trial
Court.

Interim Application stands disposed of.

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

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)