

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

Interim Application No.1065 of 2026

In

Criminal Appeal No.762 of 2014

With

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Ranjit Harendranath Singh

R/o Jamnabai Building,

Bhandari Street, Mumbai 400004.

... Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondents.

Mr. Yashpal Thakur for the Applicant.

Mr. A.A.Palkar, APP for the State.

**CORAM : M.S. KARNIK &
S.M. MODAK, JJ.**

DATE : 2nd April 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the applicant.

2. The interim application is filed by the applicant seeking bail. The applicant was prosecuted for the offence punishable under Sections 302 and 307 of IPC in connection with C.R. No.126/2013 registered with V.P. Road Police Station, Mumbai. The trial Court convicted the applicant for the offence punishable under Section 302 of IPC and sentenced him to suffer R.I. for life and pay fine of Rs.5000/-, in default to suffer RI for one year. The applicant is also

convicted for the offence punishable under Section 307.

3. The informant alleged that deceased Sharad was working as a Manager in a Saloon. In the adjoining shop there was a shop of M.B. Jewellers where present applicant alongwith one Pradutt Singh was working. Six months prior to the incident, the applicant had assaulted one Mahipal Singh due to which he was removed from service. The applicant suspected that the deceased Sharad Kadam had instigated the employer against him, which led to disputes between them. The incident in question is alleged to have occurred on the intervening night of 25th May 2013. The informant Sagar Dalvi along with Tushar Kadam, deceased Sharad Kadam and his son Manoj Kadam were sleeping on the road outside the shop of M.B. Jewellers. At about 4.30 a.m. the informant allegedly heard some noise and upon waking up seen the applicant assaulting the deceased and Manoj Kadam with a spade. The applicant fled from the spot upon shouts being raised.

4. The Learned APP submitted that the assault by the applicant on the deceased was brutal and there are eye witnesses to the incident. There are as many as 13 injuries on his person. Hence, the applicant may not be enlarged on bail.

5. The applicant is in custody for more than 11 years 11 months and 5 days. There are no criminal antecedents reported against the applicant. The Nominal role produced by the learned APP does not indicate that his conduct in the jail during this period is such that

the same should be the factor in depriving the applicant the facility of bail. Considering the pendency of old matters, it may not be possible for us to hear the appeal finally soon. Therefore, we are inclined to enlarge the applicant on bail considering that the applicant is in jail for more than 10 years.

6. Hence, the following order:

- (i) The substantive sentence imposed in Sessions Case No.784/2013 by the Sessions Judge, Greater Bombay on 27th March 2014 is suspended during pendency of the Appeal and the applicant is enlarged on bail subject to following conditions:-
 - (a) The applicant-accused- Ranjit Harendranath Singh be enlarged on bail in Sessions Case No.784/2013 arising out of FIR No.125/2013 registered with V.P. Road Police Station on his furnishing P.R.bond in the sum of Rs.50,000/- with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount.
 - (b) After his release from jail and during the pendency of the present Appeal, the applicant shall attend V.P.Road Police Station once in 3 months on first Monday of the month commencing from May 2026.
 - (c) The applicant shall furnish all his contact details and residential address before being enlarged on bail.

7. We appreciate the assistance of Mr. Thakur who appeared through legal aid on behalf of the applicant.

8. This order be communicated to the concerned jail by the Registry where the applicant is lodged.

9. The interim application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is disposed of.

(S.M.MODAK,J.)

(M.S.KARNIK, J.)