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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 1291 OF 2026
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 367 OF 2026

Deenanath Krishna Puthran	... Applicant
<u>versus</u>	
The State Of Maharashtra and Anr.	... Respondents

Ms. Ameeta Kuttikrishnan a/w Ms. Shubhada Khot, Advocate for Appellant.
Smt. R. D. Humane, APP for Respondent No.1-State.
Mr. K. S. Patil, Advocate for Respondent No.2-CBI.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 24th APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for suspension of sentence and for bail.
2. Heard learned counsel for the Applicant and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the Respondent No. 1-State.
3. The Applicant has been convicted for the offence punishable under Sections 7, 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for six months and to pay a fine of Rs. 2000/-, in default to payment of fine, to suffer simple imprisonment for two months. The learned Additional Sessions Court has suspended the sentence during the appeal period and has granted interim bail to the Applicant.
4. During the trial, Applicant was on bail. The Applicant has

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deposited the fine amount. It may take time to dispose the Appeal. Hence, requested to allow the Application.

5. The learned APP and learned counsel for respondent strongly objected to allow the application on the ground that if the applicant is released on bail, he may abscond. Hence, requested to reject the Application.

6. Considering the submissions of both learned counsel as well as sentence imposed on the Applicant is short term sentence. During the trial, Applicant was on bail. He has not misused the liberty. Considering these facts, the sentence is suspended till final disposal of the Appeal.

7. The Application is disposed of in the following terms.

ORDER

i) The substantive sentence of imprisonment awarded to the applicant is hereby suspended pending disposal of the appeal, subject to the applicant furnishing a PR bond in the sum of Rs.20,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

ii) The bail bonds to be furnished before the learned Additional Sessions Judge.

iii) The Criminal Appeal is disposed of.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)