



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.

CRIMINAL APPLICATION [B.A.] NO. 483 OF 2026

Karan Mohan Panjabi

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State of Maharashtra

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appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's Orders.

Court's or Judge's orders.

Mr. S.A. Kanetkar, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. V.A. Thakre, A.P.P. for the Non-applicant/State.

CORAM : M.M. NERLIKAR, J.

DATE : APRIL 21, 2026.

It appears that the trial has already started and two witnesses are examined, however, the learned counsel for the applicant submits that the second witness was examined lastly on 14/08/2025, and thereafter, even after 8 months, there is no progress in the trial, and therefore, the applicant be released on bail. He further submits that the applicant is behind bars since 09/06/2022, and therefore, he is entitled for bail on the ground of "delay in trial."

2. On the other hand, by filing affidavit-in-reply, the learned A.P.P. submits that already two witnesses are examined and at the most the trial Court be directed to decide the trial within stipulated period. He further submits that there is direct evidence, there are eye-witness to the incident and

considering this fact bail may not be granted. He further submits that the applicant has not applied before the trial Court on the ground of “delay in trial”, and therefore, this ground cannot be considered before this Court for the first time.

3. I have considered the rival submissions. It appears that the applicant has not raised the ground of “delay in trial” before the trial Court, therefore, considering this fact, the learned counsel appearing for the applicant, on instructions, seeks withdrawal of the application, with liberty to file the application before the trial Court by raising the ground of “delay in trial” since the applicant is in jail from 19/06/2022.

4. Therefore, permission is granted to withdraw the application. The Criminal Application is **disposed of as withdrawn**, with liberty as prayed for.

5. In case, the applicant does not file the application for grant of bail on the ground of “delay in trial,” the trial Court is requested to expedite and conclude the trial within six months.

[M.M. NERLIKAR, J]