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accused persons namely Sanjay Malik joined the house of the complainant *de facto* as cook/domestic help and thereafter all accused persons committed theft of a number of articles and cash from that house. Further according to prosecution, CCTV installed outside the house of the complainant *de facto* captured the accused persons walking across the road, each of them carrying a bag.

4. Learned counsel for accused/applicant contends that the accused/applicant is innocent and has been falsely booked. Learned counsel for accused/applicant seeks parity with the co-accused Jagbandhu Malik and Sanjay Malik, who were granted bail by this Court by way of detailed orders.

5. Learned APP for State strongly opposes the bail application on the ground that adopting the same *modus operandi*, the accused persons committed theft at other places also and this trend of joining the house as servant and committing theft must be discouraged.

6. The prosecution has also filed status report dated 16.02.2026, which is unusually lengthy and more in the nature of an appeal against the bail granted to the other accused persons. It is stated in the said report that from CCTV footage, the accused persons were identified and a secret informer informed their addresses of Odisha. Besides that, the status report mentions a number of allegations, which did not form part of the status report in cases of the other accused persons.

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9. Considering the above circumstances, I do not find any reason to deprive further liberty to the accused/applicant. Therefore, the bail application is allowed and accused/applicant is directed to be released on bail subject to his furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.10,000/- with one surety in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Trial Court.

10. A copy of this order be immediately transmitted to the concerned Jail Superintendent for informing the accused/applicant.

11. Of course, nothing observed in this order shall be read to the prejudice of either side at the final stage of the trial.

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