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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3941 OF 2026

Chetan Bajirao Chavan .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

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- Mr. Piyush Toshnival a/w. Mr. Abhishek Jare, Mr. Vedant Jagtap, Mr. Prasad Virkar, Mr. Amit Pawar, Mr.Sambhaji Sangale, Advocates for Applicant.
- Mr. Yogesh M. Nakhwa, APP for Respondent.
- PSI – V. S. Loyare, Bharti Vidyapeeth Police Station.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : OCTOBER 19, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Toshnival, learned Advocate for Applicant and Mr. Nakhwa, learned APP for Respondent.

2. This is an Application under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking Bail in connection with C.R. No.39 of 2026 registered with Bharti Vidyapeeth Police Station for offences punishable under Sections 109, 118(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; Section 25(4) of the Arms Act, 1959; Sections 37(1)(3) read with Section 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act, 1951.

3. The Applicant is indicted in the present crime. Applicant is the sole accused person. The case of prosecution is that the Applicant

assaulted the injured victim initially with the glass bottle and thereafter with a scythe (कोयता). Incident in question occurred in the bar and outside on the road in a public place. It is *prima facie* seen from the prosecution case itself that an altercation occurred between the Applicant and the injured victim who are friends, on account of the Applicant having been incensed due to a complaint filed by one of their common friends namely, a girl and the Applicant - Accused injured victim of instigating her to file the Complaint.

4. An altercation between the two friends escalated whereby while drinking beer in the bar, the Applicant inflicted a blow with the beer bottle on the head of the injured victim. The injured victim thereafter ran out of the bar onto the open public road where he was chased by the Applicant. And it is *prima facie* seen in the statement of the prosecution and also from the CCTV footage that after the Applicant ran after the injured victim, he on his way picked up the scythe which is a weapon in question from a sugarcane vendor along the road and chased the injured victim and inflicted six blows with the scythe injuring him grievously. The Applicant is 24 years old and is a graphic designer and a student whereas the injured victim is also a 20-year-old student. The Applicant being a young offender and the use of the weapon not being premeditated and planned and was picked up while chasing the injured victim, enures to the benefit of the Applicant for grant of bail.

5. Needless to state, the complicity of the Applicant is to be proved by the prosecution at trial. The Applicant is allowed to be bailed subject to the following terms and conditions:-

(i) Applicant – Chetan Bajirao Chavan is directed to be immediately released from prison in connection with CR. No.39 of 2026 ;

(ii) Applicant is directed to be released on bail on furnishing P.R. Bond of Rs.15,000/- (Rs. Fifteen Thousand only) with one or two sureties in the like amount;

(iii) Applicant shall report to the Investigating Officer at Bharti Vidyapeeth Police Station, once every month, on the first Monday of the month between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. until commencement of trial and thereafter shall attend all dates of hearing before the Trial Court;

(iv) Applicant shall cooperate with the conduct of the trial and remain present before the Trial Court on all dates, unless specifically exempted. Applicant shall not seek unnecessary adjournments. Any such conduct shall entitle the prosecution to apply for cancellation of bail;

(v) Applicant shall not leave the State of Maharashtra

without prior permission of the Trial Court;

(vi) Applicant shall not influence any of the witnesses or tamper with the evidence in any manner;

(vii) Applicant shall keep the Investigating Officer informed of his current residential address and mobile telephone number and shall forthwith inform the Investigating Officer of any change in his residential address or mobile telephone number, as and when such change occurs; and

(viii) Any breach or infraction of any of the aforesaid conditions shall entail cancellation of the bail granted to the Applicant.

6. It is clarified that the observations made in this order are limited for the purpose of granting bail only and I have not made any observations on merits of the case. The trial shall be adjudicated on the strength of the evidence led and strictly on its own merits being uninfluenced with any of the *prima facie* observations made hereinabove in this order.

7. Bail Application is allowed and disposed in the above terms.

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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