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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4221 OF 2026

Ganesh @ Dattatraya Pandurang Chavan .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

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- Mr. Satyavrat Joshi a/w Indrajanee Pnadit i/b Ishan Paradkar, for the Applicant.
- Ms. Shilpa Talhar, APP for the Respondent - State.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : OCTOBER 19, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Joshi, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Talhar, 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.1354 of 2018 registered with Yavat Police Station, Pune for offences punishable under Sections 302 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

3. The Applicant has been incarcerated for the past seven years and eight months pending trial. The trial has commenced. Two out of the probable 30 witnesses desired and cited by the prosecution have been examined. Trial will undoubtedly take a long time to conclude.

4. In that view of the matter, considering the long incarceration of the Applicant pending trial and his right to a speedy trial, the Applicant is granted bail.

5. Hence, in view of above *prima facie* observations and findings, Bail Application of Applicant is allowed subject to the following terms and conditions:-

(i) Applicant is directed to be immediately released from prison in connection with CR. No.1354 of 2018;

(ii) Applicant is directed to be released on bail on furnishing P.R. Bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rs. Twenty-Five Thousand only) with one or two sureties in the like amount;

(iii) Applicant shall report to the Investigating Officer at concerned Police Station, once every month, on the first Sunday 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.]