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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4259 OF 2026

Sagar Anandrao Gundav .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

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- Mr. Tanmay Kate i/b Vipul Dushing, for the Applicant.
- Ms. Anuja Gotad, APP for the Respondent - State.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : OCTOBER 19, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Kate, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Gotad, 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.84 of 2021 registered with Chandannagar Police Station, Pune for offences punishable under Sections 364, 302 and 201 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

3. The Applicant is in incarceration for the past more than 5 years and 3 months. The material which is placed on record *prima facie* shows that the Applicant and the deceased victim were in a relationship with each other for more than 10 years. However, in view of the disapproval by the family of the victim about the alliance, the

victim refused to marry the Applicant, which led to the incident in question. This is what the prosecution case is. A suicide note in the form of a chit is also part of the prosecution case.

4. However, considering the fact that the Applicant and the victim were in a relationship for more than 10 years and, more importantly, the fact that the Applicant is in long incarceration pending trial, where the prosecution desires to examine approximately 40 witnesses in the present case, the trial is bound to take a substantial amount of time. In that view of the matter, I am inclined to consider the case of the Applicant for bail. 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.84 of 2021;

(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 concerned 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.]