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**Criminal Bail Application No. 258 of 2026**

**Sunny @ Lalit Ashok Vitthalkar Vs. The State**

**Order Below Exh.1.**

( Passed on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 )

1) The applicant / accused prayed for his release consequent to his arrest at the instance of Ambad Police Station in Cr. no. 713 of 2025 for the offence punishable under section 308(2), 308(3), 308(4), 308(5), 318(4), 329(4), 351(2), 111, 3(5) of BNS.

2) The applicant came to be arrested on 08/10/2025 in respect of the offence registered on 08/01/2021. He was in Police custody from 28/10/2025 till 31/10/2025. He was taken in MCR on 31/10/2025 and still in the custody.

03) The facts relevant to the prosecution case reveals that the informant had leased his constructed house to the applicant and his colleagues for running an orphanage, however, as the informant came to know that the applicant and his colleagues had started their liasoning office of their party, he inquired with them and demanded the outstanding rent. The applicants have refused to pay the rent and also threatened him of dire consequences. The applicant and other accused have demanded ransom of two crores for returning possession of the house and also threatened him to kill. Hence, the complaint.

4) The bail is prayed mainly on the ground that prime accused i.e. accused No. 1, 2 and 5 have already been released by the Court on bail

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and the charge-sheet in the matter has been filed. Accused is ready to abide by the terms and conditions of the bail, if released.

05) The respondents has resisted the petition by filing reply interalia contending that the offence charged is quite serious. The provisions of MCOCA Act are applied and its investigation is still going on. The wanted accused namely Bhushan Prakash Londhe is absconding. The applicant is history-sheeter and in the event of his release, he would hamper the investigation and indulge in similar offence. Hence, prayed to reject the petition.

06) Having heard Ld. Advocate for the respective parties, it is seen that there are specific averments made against present applicant in the commission of serious offence, having charge of the offence under MCOCA Act.

07) The Ld. Advocate for the applicant, while claiming parity has submitted that the prime accused in the case have been released on bail by the Sessions Court and therefore, the present applicant having a less graver role in the commission of offence, deserves to be released on bail. It needs to observe that at the time when the co-accused were released on bail, provisions of MCOCA Act were not impleaded, however, during the course of investigation the provisions of MCOCA Act have been applied and in that regard further investigation is still going on. The applicant alleged to have committed offence of attempt to commit murder of the informant and demanded extortion of rupees two crores for handing over the possession of the bungalow i.e. property of the informant himself, committed mischief, criminal intimidation by forming an unlawful assembly and acted in prosecution of the common object of such assembly.

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08) There are at-least five offences registered against the present applicant since the year 2016 till 2025 including that of murder. All the offences are quite serious and considering the fact that the investigation regarding applicability of MCOA Act is in progress and there is every likelihood of the applicant indulging into similar criminal activities and cause threat life and limb of the informant if released on bail. In view of the above, the application deserves to be rejected in terms of order below.

**ORDER**

Criminal Bail Application 258 of 2026 is rejected.

Sd/-

**(V. V. Kathare)**

Additional Sessions Judge,  
Nashik.

Date : 18/03/2026