

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION



CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(@ Special Leave Petition (Crl.) No. 4216/2026)

CHINMAY DATTATRAY SHINDE . . . APPELLANT (S)

VERSUS

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA . . . RESPONDENT (S)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

This appeal challenges the judgment and order dated 23.06.2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in Bail Application No.837/2025.

The appellant herein has been booked for the crime registered pursuant to FIR No. 219/2022 dated 19.09.2022 lodged with Police Station Wagle Estate, District Thane City with respect to offences punishable under Sections 307, 326, 324, 323, 504, 506, 141, 143 and 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ("IPC") and under Sections 4 and 25 of the Arms Act, 1959.

An application seeking regular bail having been rejected by the High Court vide impugned order dated 23.06.2025, the appellant has preferred the instant appeal.

This Court vide its order dated 27.02.2026, issued notice in the instant matter.

We have heard learned counsel for the appellant and learned counsel for the respondent and perused the material on record.

Learned counsel for the appellant submitted that the appellant is in jail since 14.01.2023; that the trial has not yet commenced and there are as many as at least thirteen witnesses to be examined. Further, out of eight accused persons, five have been released on bail; one is absconding and there is only one other accused, who is in jail. Having regard to length of incarceration and the fact that the trial would inevitably take time to conclude, the appellant may be granted the relief of bail as five other accused in the same incident have been granted bail. He therefore, submitted that impugned order may be set aside and the appeal may be allowed.

Per contra, learned counsel for the respondent/State, with reference to his counter affidavit contended that the role of the appellant-accused in the instant case is specific and serious. The High Court was justified in not releasing the appellant on bail. Further, there are only thirteen witnesses to be examined. If a direction is issued to

the concerned Sessions Court, the trial could be concluded as expeditiously as possible. There are other criminal antecedents as against the appellant herein. In the circumstances, the appeal may be simply dismissed.

In response to this submission, learned counsel for the appellant submitted that there are criminal antecedents in respect of the so-called victim too. Hence, this Court may grant relief to the appellant herein.

Considering the facts on record, in our view, the case for bail is made out.

We, therefore, allow this appeal and direct as under:

"The appellant shall be produced before the concerned trial Court as early as possible and the trial Court shall release him on bail, subject to such conditions as it may deem appropriate to impose to ensure his presence in the proceedings arising out of FIR No. 219/2022 mentioned above."

It is directed that the appellant shall extend complete cooperation in the trial of the instant case.

The appellant shall not misuse his liberty in any manner.

In case the appellant is apprehended in respect of any other offence, liberty is reserved to the respondent herein to seek cancellation of bail granted to the appellant by this Court in this appeal

Any infraction of the conditions may entail in cancellation of bail granted to the appellant.

With these observations, the appeal is allowed.

.....J.
[B.V. NAGARATHNA]

.....J.
[UJJAL BHUYAN]

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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 4216/2026
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 23-06-2025
in BA No. 837/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at
Bombay]

CHINMAY DATTATRAY SHINDE Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA Respondent(s)

IA No. 61162/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 61157/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT
IA No. 61158/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 61164/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 01-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Leave granted.

The Appeal is allowed in terms of the signed
order.

Pending application(s) shall stand disposed of.

(NEETU SACHDEVA)
(DEPUTY REGISTRAR)

(DIVYA BABBAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)
(signed order is placed on the file)