

***IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION***

BAIL APPLICATION NO.1962 OF 2021

Roshan G. Bhatija & Anr. ... Applicants
Vs
The State of Maharashtra ... Respondents
...

Ms. Sana Raees Khan for the Applicant.

Mrs. M.M.Deshmukh, APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : SANDEEP K. SHINDE J.
DATE : 31st MAY, 2021.

P.C. :

Heard the learned counsel for the applicant and
the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

2 Applicants are seeking their enlargement on bail
in connection with Crime No.150 of 2021 registered with
Dehu Road Police Station for the offences punishable under
Sections 353, 332, 269, 188 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860
and Sections 4,5, 12A of the Maharashtra Prevention of

Gambling Act, Section 21 of the Indian Telegraph Act and Section 51(B) of the Disaster Management Act, 2005. It is alleged that the applicants were involved in cricket betting operations during the India-England cricket match, which was held on 26th March, 2021 at GhanuJe stadium.

3 According to the prosecution, six second of the time lag, between the match and live stream is what helped the bookies keep tab on the movement to accept and even place bets and make money.

4 Application for bail, was presented to this Court on 18th May, 2021, where after the State has filed the charge-sheet.

5 In view of the changed circumstance, the learned counsel for the applicants seeks leave to withdraw the application with liberty to file an application for bail before

the Court of competent jurisdiction.

6 Leave granted. Application is disposed of as withdrawn.

7 It is submitted that the applicants have been granted temporary bail for 45 days in view of prevailing Pandemic situation.

8 In the event, bail application is filed, the learned Court shall dispose of the same expeditiously.

9 Application is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(SANDEEP K. SHINDE, J.)