

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (ABA) NO. 781 OF 2022

Purushottam Shankar Bhongale .Vs. State of Maharashtra, thr. PSO.,its PSO, PS Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur.

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of
Coram, appearances, Court's Orders
or directions and Registrar's order

Court's or Judge's Order

Shri A.A. Dhawas, Advocate for the applicant.

Ms Shamshi Haider, A.P.P. for the non-applicant /State.

CORAM : ANIL S. KILOR, J.

DATED : 22/11/2022

1. Heard.
2. The applicant is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with Crime No. 492/2022, registered with Police Station Bhadrawati, Dist. Chandrapur for the offences punishable under Sections 376 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code,1860.
3. It is alleged in the complaint dated 02/02/2022, that the applicant forcibly committed sexual intercourse with the informant. The said incident was reported to the Police on 12/10/2022, after more than eight months without sufficient justification for such a huge delay.
4. Thus, considering the nature of the allegation and the delay, I am of the opinion that, custodial interrogation of the applicant is not necessary. Accordingly, I pass the following order:
 - a) The criminal application is **allowed**.

- b) The order granting *ad interim* anticipatory bail dated 10/11/2022, is hereby confirmed.
- c) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when his presence is required.

JUDGE