



**IN THE JUDICATURE OF HIGH COURT AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

38 BAIL APPLICATION NO. 967 OF 2025

Ravi Raju Bhalerao

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra And Another

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Bagal Suraj R.
APP for Respondents-State: Mr. P. P. Dawalkar
Advocate for Assist to APP : Mr. Bhakade R. K.

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**WITH CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1968 OF 2025
IN BA/967/2025**

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CORAM : ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.

Dated : July 21, 2025.

PER COURT :-

1. Criminal Application No.1968 of 2025 is filed for Assist to learned APP. Said application is allowed and disposed of.
2. Heard the learned Counsel for the applicant, the learned APP for the respondent-State, and the learned Counsel assisting the APP.
3. The applicant is seeking bail as he is arrested in connection with FIR No.1076/2023, registered with Newasa Police Station, Tal. Newasa, District Ahmednagar, for the offences punishable under sections 307, 323, 427, 504, 506 of Indian Penal Code.
4. The applicant was arrested on 04/03/2024 in connection with the crime in question. It is alleged that he assaulted the informant during the night of 17/11/2023 and 18/11/2023. The applicant is the second husband of the informant, who has a son from her previous marriage. Pursuant to the incident, an FIR was registered.
5. The learned Counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is the

second husband of the informant, and the injured witness is her son from her first husband. The learned Counsel further took me through the order dated 31/01/2025 passed by this Court, wherein this Court had shown disinclination to grant relief at that stage. Consequently, the learned Counsel had withdrawn the said application with liberty to file a fresh one at a later point of time, if such eventuality arises. The said application was accordingly disposed of as withdrawn, with liberty as prayed for.

6. The learned Counsel for the applicant has also taken me through the order passed by the Trial Court dated 27/03/2025, whereby the Trial Court dismissed the bail application filed by the applicant/accused. The said application had been moved before the Trial Court after the withdrawal of the earlier application before this Court. By the said order, the Trial Court directed the prosecution to produce the accused for framing of charge, and if physical production was not possible, to ensure his appearance through video conferencing. The Trial Court also directed the prosecution to take necessary steps for the production of *muddemal* articles and CA reports, if any. Further, the prosecution was directed to make an endeavour to complete the examination of material witnesses within three months from the date of the said order.

7. The learned Counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is in custody for the last 17 months. Despite the Trial Court's order dated

27/03/2025, charges have not yet been framed against the applicant/accused. It is further submitted that, as per the medical certificates of both injured persons, the injuries sustained are simple in nature. The learned Counsel undertakes that, if applicant is released on bail, the applicant shall not enter the limits of Ahmednagar city, where the informant and her son reside.

8. On the other hand, the learned APP and the learned Counsel assisting the APP submit that, in the event the applicant is released on bail, it would pose a threat to the informant and her son. It is pointed out that the applicant has several antecedents registered against him.

9. Considering the rival submissions and in view of the fact that the applicant is in custody for nearly 17 months, and the injuries alleged are simple in nature and the trial would take time to conclude, a case is made out for grant of bail.

10. In view of the above, the application is allowed in the following terms: -

a] The applicant shall be released on bail in connection with FIR No.1076/2023, registered with Newasa Police Station, Tal. Newasa, District Ahmednagar, for the offences punishable under sections 307, 323, 427, 504, 506 of Indian Penal Code, on furnishing PR bond of Rs.25,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount to the

satisfaction of the trial Court.

b] The applicant, upon being released on bail, shall not contact the informant, in any manner whatsoever, during the pendency of the trial.

c] The applicant shall co-operate with the trial Court and he shall attend each and every date, unless exempted by the trial Court.

d] The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence of the prosecution and he shall not influence the informant, witnesses and other persons concerned with the case.

e] The applicant, upon being released on bail, shall place on record of the trial Court the details of his Contact Number and residential address with updates in case of any change.

f] The applicant shall not enter the limits of Ahmednagar City until the conclusion of the trial.

11. Needless to say, in case of violation of any of the aforesaid conditions, the bail granted to the applicant shall be liable to be cancelled. It is also clarified that the observations made in this order are limited to the disposal of the present bail application. The concerned Court shall proceed further in the matter without being influenced by the observations made hereinabove.

12. The application stands disposed of.

(ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.)

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