



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

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 594 OF 2025

Suraj S/o Vinod Ringanmode
Age: 24 years, Occu.: Labour,
R/o. Bosla, Tq.Umari, Dist.Nanded.
At present behind of ITI,
Samata Nagar, Tekadi Bhokar,
Tq.Bhokar, Dist.Nanded.

....Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra
Through Police Inspector,
Police Station Bhokar,
Tq.Bhokar, Dist.Nanded.

.....Respondent

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Gaurav L. Deshpande
APP for Respondent : Mr.VM.Chate

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CORAM : ABHAY S. WAGHWASE, J.

RESERVED ON : 05 MAY, 2025

PRONOUNCED ON : 06 MAY, 2025

ORDER :

1. Instant application is for grant of regular bail on account of arrest of applicant in crime no.0004 of 2025 registered at Bhokar Police Station, District Nanded, for offence under Sections 64(2)(m), 308(2), 351(2), 351(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

2. Learned counsel pointed out that applicant is arrested in above crime on 08-01-2025. That, applicant and victim are grown up and are not only neighbours but also have love relations. That, victim is a married woman and had children. That, she has alleged that she received one missed call on phone, she responded to it and she came in contact with present applicant. That, there are three sexual encounters, but all are consensual and not by force or against wish. That, only as monetary demand was not complied, there is false implication. Learned counsel pointed out that there are copies of WhatsApp chats on record suggesting their acquaintance and nature of relationship. That, she moreover posed present applicant to be her husband. That, medical evidence does not come to the aid of the prosecution. That, investigation is almost complete and chargesheet is also filed. Considering the nature of allegations, no recovery or discovery is to be made and as applicant is ready to abide by all and any conditions, learned counsel urges for grant of bail.

3. Learned APP opposed application on the ground that there are serious allegations of forcible sexual relations by issuing threats and to make photographs viral. That, there are multiple forcible sexual relations in above backdrop. Learned APP pointed out to the

contents of the FIR and submits that there are clear allegations of being taken disadvantage. Learned APP also expresses apprehension of misuse of liberty, if bail is granted.

4. Heard. Perused the papers. FIR dated 02-01-2025 is registered at Bhokar Police Station, District Nanded. Informant reported that, she resides with her husband and children. She claims that two and half years back, she received a message on her WhatsApp account and when she responded, it turned out that present applicant was from her matrimonial place and as such, they got acquainted. She claims that present applicant also asked her whether she knew Govind Kavale and that he had photographs of both of them and since then, she stopped talking to him. She claims that on 23-03-2023, when she asked him to delete photographs, he allegedly forcibly took her on Motorcycle and demanded sexual relations for deleting her previous photographs in company of said Govind Kavale and against her wish he allegedly maintained physical relations with her. She has alleged that, thereafter, he also threatened to make photographs viral on WhatsApp and Facebook and started demanding Rs.50,000/-. That, out of fear of being defamed, she claims to have paid Rs.40,000/-, but again on the pretext of making

the photographs viral, he had sexual relations with her against her wish and took away her golden ornaments. Finally getting fed up, she lodged report.

5. Thus, what *prima facie* emerges is that informant is not only a married woman but also is a mother of children. She claims to have come in contact with present applicant on social media i.e. two and half years back. She had reported that as applicant turned out to be from her matrimonial village, their acquaintance grew, but taking disadvantage of some photographs of her previous another acquaintance, she has stated that he started blackmailing her. She has also reported about being sexually ravished on the pretext of deleting photographs and taking her to his place. She claims that last sexual encounter was in October, 2024 and on 03-10-2024, he allegedly forcibly took out her ornaments. However, reporting regarding the same is apparently done on 02-01-2025 i.e. at a belated stage.

6. Learned counsel for applicant has placed on record copies of WhatsApp chats at exhibit "J". There are several exchanges of messages including a message from informant's side on page 185

conveying that she is finally his wife. Taking the same into consideration and above discussed material, when investigation is over and no further recovery or discovery is to be made, no purpose would be served by further detention of the applicant. Apprehension of misuse of liberty can be taken care of by imposing stringent conditions. Hence, following order :

ORDER

- I. The application is allowed.
- II. Applicant be released on bail in connection with Crime No.0004 of 2025 registered at Bhokar Police Station, District Nanded, on executing Personal Bond of Rs.20,000/- with one surety in the like amount, on the following conditions:
 - [a] The applicant shall not tamper prosecution evidence.
 - [b] The applicant shall not enter the vicinity where informant, his family resides, till conclusion of trial, except for attending Court dates.

(ABHAY S. WAGHWASE)
JUDGE