



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

942 BAIL APPLICATION NO. 678 OF 2025

VISHAL UTTAM DEVKAR

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Deshpande Shantanu A.

APP for Respondent/State : Mr. N.B. Patil

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CORAM : ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.

DATE : 19/06/2025

P.C. :

1. Heard the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned APP for the respondent-State.
2. The applicant is seeking bail as he was arrested in connection with Crime No. 409/2024 dated 24.10.2024 registered with Bhokar Police Station, District Nanded for the offence punishable under section 137(2) of B.N.S. 2023.
3. A missing case was registered by the informant, father of victim. Thereafter, the victim was traced in the company of present applicant. At the relevant time, the victim was of 17 years and one months old. As such, the crime is registered for aforesaid offence.
4. Perusal of the statement of victim under section 183 of B.N.S.S. indicates that victim had gone with the applicant on her own and they were staying together and the physical relations between the applicant and the victim are consensual. At the relevant time victim was of the age of understanding.
5. Considering the statement of victim under section 183 of B.N.S.S.

and the relations between the applicant and the victim being prima facie consensual, I hold that regular bail can be granted to the applicant.

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

a] The applicant shall be released on bail in connection with Crime No. 409/2024 dated 24.10.2024 registered with Bhokar Police Station, District Nanded for the offence punishable under section 137(2) of B.N.S. 2023, on furnishing PR bond of Rs.20,000/- 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, for reasons to be recorded in writing.

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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. The application stands disposed of.

[ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.]

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