

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 241 OF 2025**

Laxmikant Shankarappa Allagi And Anr ...Applicants

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr. Ranjeet Patil a/w Mr. Dhavalsinh Patil i/b Mr. Prashant
Hagare for the applicants

Ms. P. S. Rane APP for the State

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 24th SEPTEMBER 2025

P.C.:

1. By this application, applicants are seeking regular bail in C.R. No. 500 of 2024 registered with Tembhurni Police Station, District Solapur for offences punishable under Sections 178, 180, 181, 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is the prosecution's case that on 18th August 2024, on secret information, police intercepted one car. In search of the said car, police found counterfeit notes of Rs. 48,400/-. The applicant no. 1 was driving the said car whereas applicant no. 2

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was sitting beside applicant no. 1.

3. It is the contention of learned counsel for applicants that The allegations against the applicants are they were possessing the counterfeit notes. There are no allegations against them about distribution of those counterfeit notes. The maximum punishment for the offence against the applicants is seven years. The applicants are behind bar for more than one year and four months. There is no progress in trial. Applicants have no antecedents. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is the contention of learned APP that the counterfeit notes have been recovered from the possession of the applicants. They were going to use it. There was racket between the applicants and co-accused to print the counterfeit notes and use it in the market. The counterfeit notes and the material for preparing counterfeit notes have been seized from the possession of the co-accused. If applicants are released on bail, they may abscond. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused F.I.R. and documents produced on record. Investigation is completed and

charge-sheet has been filed. Applicants are behind bar for more than one year and four months. Maximum punishment for the offence alleged against the applicants is seven years. There is no progress in trial. Applicants have no antecedents.

6. Considering these facts, I pass following order:

ORDER

I. The Application is allowed.

II. The Applicants be enlarged on bail in C.R. No. 500 of 2024 registered with Tembhurni Police Station, District Solapur on executing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs. 20,000/- each with one or two sureties in the like amount.

III. The Applicants shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

IV. The Applicants shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.

V. The Applicants shall attend the Trial Court dates, regularly.

7. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed off.

8. It is made clear that the above observations are made only for the purpose of granting bail and the Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits in accordance with law and uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.

9. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

[SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.]