

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 931 OF 2025

Jayesh Balakrishna Natu

.... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

.... Respondents

Adv. Falguni Brahmabent, Advocate for the Applicant.

Ms. P. S. Rane, A.P.P., for the Respondent – State.

Adv. Ateet Shiradkar (Though VC), Advocate for Respondent No.2.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 19th SEPTEMBER, 2025.

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1. Heard learned counsel for the Applicant, learned APP for the Respondent – State and learned counsel for Respondent No.2.
2. By this application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in connection with C.R. No. 722 of 2024 registered with Shivajinagar Police Station, Kolhapur, for the offence punishable under Sections, 318(4), 316(2), 316(5), 318(2), 319(2), 336(2), 338, 336(3), 340(2) and Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short, “BNS Act”).
3. The allegations against the Applicant and co-accused are

that on the basis of forged document they defrauded the complainant's company to the tune of Rs.3,99,2,200/-.

4. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that matter is settled between the Applicant and the first informant, and this Court (Coram: Anil S. Kilor, J) vide order dated 11th November, 2024 and (Coram: N. R. Borkar, J) vide order dated 9th May, 2025 has released the co-accused on bail. Hence, the Applicant is entitled for bail on principle of parity. Hence, requested to allow the application.

5. Learned APP strongly objected to allow the application on the ground that as the Applicant has committed fraud with the first informant's company. Hence, requested to reject the application.

6. Learned counsel for the Respondent No.2 for the first informant submits that matter is settled between the Applicant and first informant, and the first informant has no objection to allow the bail application. The first informant has filed affidavit in that regard.

7. I have heard all learned counsel, perused the F.I.R. and documents produced on record.

8. The co-accused against whom the same allegations are levelled like the Applicant has been released on bail by this Court (Coram: Anil S. Kilor, J) vide order dated 11th November, 2024 and

(Coram: N. R. Borkar, J) vide order dated 9th May, 2025. Considering these facts, the Applicant is entitled for bail on principle of parity, and I pass the following order:-

ORDER

- i. The application is allowed.
- ii. The Applicant be released on bail in connection with C.R. No. 722 of 2024 registered with Shivajinagar Police Station, Kolhapur, on furnishing P.R. Bond of Rs.50,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.
- iii. The Applicant shall attend the concerned police station on 1st day of every month between 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., till the conclusion of the trial except on the date of trial.
- iv. The Applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case, as also not tamper with the evidence.
- v. Liberty is granted to the State to apply cancellation of bail if the Applicant commits similar offence.

- vi. The Applicant shall attend the trial before the Trial Court regularly on every date unless exempted by the Trial Court for any reason.
9. 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.
10. In view of above, the application is allowed and is accordingly disposed off.
11. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)