

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3318 OF 2025**

Ananta Bhaskar Bhise

...Applicant

Versus

State Of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Mr. Zaid Anwar Qureshi, Advocate for the Applicant

Ms. Veera Shinde APP for the State

Ms. Sonali Abhijit Sheth, Appointed Advocate through Legal Aid for Respondent No.2.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 7th OCTOBER, 2025.

P.C.

1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in C.R. No. 399 of 2025 registered with Karad City Police Station, District Satara for offences punishable under Sections 64, 351(2) of the Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023 and under Sections, 4, 6, 8 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

2. It is the prosecution's case that on 15th April 2025, when the victim called the applicant to help her grandfather, at that time, the applicant came in the house of victim and sexually assaulted her.

3. It is the contention of learned counsel for applicant that applicant is behind bar for more than 4 months. While giving history

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for medical examination, the victim has not stated about penetrative sexual assault. She has stated about outraging her modesty. Investigation is completed and charge-sheet has been filed. At the time of incident, the victim was more than 16 years old. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is the contention of learned APP alongwith learned counsel for respondent no. 2 that applicant is a married person. He has daughters of age of the victim. He has sexually assaulted the victim. if applicant is released on bail, he may threaten the victim and the prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard all the learned counsel, perused F.I.R. and documents produced on record. The allegations against the applicant are that he has sexually assaulted the victim. While giving history before medical examination, the victim has not stated about sexual assault on her by the applicant and she has stated about outraging her modesty. Investigation is completed and charge-sheet has been filed. Applicant is behind bar for more than 4 months.

6. In view of above, I pass the following order:

ORDER

I. The Application is allowed.

II. The Applicant be enlarged on bail in C.R. No. 399 of 2025 registered with Karad City Police Station, District Satara on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs. 20,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

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

IV. The Legal Aid Committee shall pay fees of Rs. 10,000/- to the learned counsel appointed for respondent no. 2.

V. The Applicant 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.)