

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3367 OF 2025

Vaibhav Popat Narade	...Applicant
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra	...Respondent

Mr. Sachin Y. Mane a/w Mr. Pratik G. Tare for the applicant.

Ms. P. S. Rane, APP for the State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 16th SEPTEMBER 2025

P.C.

1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.34 of 2025 registered with Hupri Police Station, District Kolhapur for the offences punishable under Sections 74, 75, 77, 78(2), 84, 308(2), 294(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short “BNS”) and under Sections 67 and 67(A) of Information Technology Act, 2000 (for short ‘IT’).

2. It is prosecution’s case that the applicant had recorded obscene video of first informant and forcibly kissed her and viraled the said obscene video on social media.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for applicant that applicant is behind bar around seven months. Investigation is

completed and charge-sheet has been filed. It may take time to conclude the trial. There is one antecedent against the applicant but he was acquitted in the said offence. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant has viraled obscene video of the first informant on social media. He has one antecedent. If applicant is released on bail, he may threaten the prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsels, perused the FIR and documents produced on record. The allegations against the applicant are that he has viraled the obscene video of the first informant. The applicant is behind bar for more than seven months. Investigation is completed and charge-sheet has been filed. It may take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, his further detention is not required.

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

ORDER

(i) Application is allowed;

(ii) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No.34 of 2025 registered with Hupri Police Station,

District Kolhapur, on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- 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 first informant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

(iv) 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.)