

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3416 OF 2025

1. Dattatray Mahadev Jadhav ...Applicants
2. Mrs. Sonali Alias Sonal Dattatray
Jadhav

Versus

State Of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr. Shankar Katkar for the applicants

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

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 11th DECEMBER 2025

P.C.

1. Learned counsel for the applicants on instructions seeks leave to withdraw the bail application of applicant no. 1 with liberty to file fresh bail application after four months.

2. Considering the submissions of the learned counsel for the applicants, application is rejected as far as applicant no. 1 is concerned, with aforesaid liberty.

3. By this application, applicant no. 2 (applicant) is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 50 of 2025 registered with Karkamb Police Station, District Solapur for offences punishable under Sections 123,

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274, 275, 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023 and under Sections 3(1)(a), 3(1)(zz)(v), 26(1), 26(2)(i), 26(2)(v), 27(1), 59 of Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

4. It is the prosecution's case that on secret information, the first informant-Food Safety Officer raided on the house premises of the applicant and in the said raid, he found that milk was being adulterated in the shed erected by the applicant and co-accused.

5. It is contention of learned counsel for applicant that in F.I.R., no name of the applicant was mentioned. In the investigation, the applicant has been arrested. Learned counsel further submitted that the main allegation in the F.I.R. is against the co-accused. Being wife of applicant no. 1, the applicant has been arrested. Applicant is behind bar for more than 8 months. Investigation is completed and charge-sheet has been filed. Hence, requested to allow the application.

6. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant played major role in adulteration of the milk. She was helping other co-accused for adulteration of the milk. The report produced on record shows that milk was being adulterated by the applicant and co-accused. They were playing with the people's lives. If applicant is

released on bail, she may abscond or threaten the prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

7. I have heard both learned counsel, perused F.I.R. and documents produced on record. In F.I.R., no name of the applicant is mentioned. In investigation, role of the applicant is revealed and she was arrested. The applicant is lady. She is behind bar for more than eight months. Investigation is completed and charge-sheet has been filed. The applicant has no antecedents.

8. In view of above, I pass following order:

ORDER

I. The Application is allowed.

II. The Applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 50 of 2025 registered with Karkamb Police Station, District Solapur 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 Applicant shall attend the Trial Court dates, regularly.

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

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

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)