



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

CRIMINAL APPLICATION(BA) NO. 1016 OF 2025

Lalit Dattatray Adhane Vs. State of Maharashtra

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Coram, appearances, Court's orders
or directions and Registrar's orders.

Court's or Judge's Orders.

Mr.M.G.Bhangde Senior Advocate a/b Mr. Adarsh G.Baheti, counsel for
the applicant.

Mr. U.R.Phasate, APP for the State.

CORAM : MRS. VRUSHALI V. JOSHI, J.

DATE : 26/09/2025

1) The applicant is arrested in Crime No. 255 of 2025 registered with Police Station Nagbhid, District Chandrapur, for the offences punishable under Sections 471,468 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code,1860.

2) It is the case of the prosecution that the complaint was lodged by one Bharti Gurnule, who was acting as a Deputy Superintendent of Anti Corruption Bureau, Nagpur. On receiving the letter from the Director General of Anti-corruption Bureau, Mumbai on 11.07.2025, she has lodged the complaint. It was outcome of the enquiry report initiated after the directions in PIL No.83 of 2012. the applicant who has applied for tender of Gosikhurd Project in

the year 2009, the work was completed in the year 2015 and the allegations are made that on the basis of the forged experience certificate, the co-accused has received said contract and therefore, the crime came to be registered.

3) The learned Senior Advocate appearing for the applicant has stated that the applicant is not concerned with the said work for said project. The name of this applicant is mentioned by the co-accused Mr. Arun Sonawane during his custodial interrogation, and the crime is registered against this applicant and he was taken in custody. The learned Senior Advocate has stated that the statement made by the co-accused is inadmissible on the basis of which the applicant is in jail. He has not committed any offence. Further custody of this applicant is not required. Hence prayed to release the applicant on bail.

4) The learned APP has opposed the application stating that during the enquiry, the involvement of this applicant is found and the co-accused has stated that this applicant helped him in forging the said documents. Hence, prayed to reject the application.

5) Heard the learned Senior Advocate appearing for the applicant and the learned APP.

6) The allegations about giving forged experience certificate in the year 2009, the co-accused has completed the work in 2015. The crime is registered on 02.08.2025 as the co-accused has disclosed the name of this applicant which is inadmissible and as the entire work is completed, the main accused has received the work amount, the fuhrer custody of this applicant is not required. Hence, the case is made out to release the applicant on bail.

7) Accordingly, I pass the following order:

i) Criminal application is allowed.

ii) Applicant- Lalit Dattatray Adhane be released on bail in connection with Crime 255 of 2025 registered with Police Station Nagbhid, District Chandrapur, for the offence punishable under Sections 471, 468 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code. on his furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with one surety in the like amount.

iii] The applicant shall not in any way tamper with the prosecution evidence.

iv] The applicant shall not pressurize or threaten the prosecution witnesses.

v] The applicant shall co-operate the investigation officer.

8) The Criminal Application stands **disposed of** accordingly.

JUDGE