



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 988 OF 2026

Sanjay Jagannath Shinde

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra And Another

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Mr. P. S. Koshti, Advocate for Applicant (Appointed Through Legal Aid)

Mr. S. N. Kendre, APP for Respondents

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CORAM : S. G. CHAPALGAONKAR, J.

DATED : 02nd APRIL, 2026.

P.C.:-

1. Present Application seeks quashing of the FIR No. 587/2025 dated 07/11/2025 registered with Police Station Ghansavangi, District Jalna for offences punishable under Sections 3(1)(r), 3(1)(s) and 3(2)(va) of the Scheduled Casts and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and Sections 119(1), 351(2), 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. The investigation was set into motion on the basis of information given by Respondent No. 2 alleging that he is in a private service. He resides at Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar in pursuant to his job. Accused, who is his co-villager, also resides at Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar. On 07.11.2025 at about 02.30 pm while he was on bus stand of village Gunj, accused person arrived at the spot. He demanded amount of Rs.500/- from informant. When informant refused to pay, he started abusing him on caste and snatched cash amount of Rs.2,000/- from his pocket. Further, accused threatened him to kill.

3. Learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant submits that there is previous dispute between the Applicant and the Respondent No. 2. Previously two FIRs have been lodged by

Applicant against Respondent No. 2 and present one is counter blast.

4. Perusal of the record suggests that although the Applicant has lodged two FIRs on 12.03.2024 and 10.02.2025, the present FIR cannot be treated as counter blast. All the FIR are in respect of independent complaints. The present FIR appears to have been lodged after 9 months of the last FIR lodged by the Applicant. All these circumstances if considered in light of the specific averments in the FIR, this Court finds that there is no reason to cause interference in exercise of inherent powers as *prima facie* the ingredients of the offence as alleged are discernible from the contents of the FIR. It appears that the investigation in the matter is still in progress and charge-sheet is not yet filed. Needless to state here that after filing of the charge-sheet, Applicant may exercise option to file application for discharge before the Trial Court.

5. In view of above, Criminal Application stands rejected.

(S. G. CHAPALGAONKAR)
JUDGE