



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 172 OF 2026

Pappu @ Pratik Bharat Pawar

..APPLICANT

VERSUS

State of Maharashtra

..RESPONDENT

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Mr. S.S. Bora, Advocate for applicant

Mr. N.R. Dayma, A.P.P. for respondent – State

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CORAM : RAJNISH R. VYAS, J.

DATE : 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2026

PER COURT :

. The applicant / original Accused No.1 has approached this Court praying for grant of bail in connection with F.I.R. No. 724 of 2025 dated 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 registered with Rahuri Police Station, Dist. Ahilyanagar for commission of offence punishable under Sections 178, 179, 180, 181 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023.

2. Heard respective counsels.

3. In short, it is the case of prosecution that secret information was received that some persons are going to carry the fake currency notes. Accordingly, trap was laid. The applicant and other accused persons were

taken into custody. Personal search was taken in which fake currency to the tune of Rs.2 lakh in different denominations were found. Thereafter house of the applicant was raided, in which various equipments for printing the fake currency notes were also found. He submitted that considering the age of present applicant i.e. thirty-seven years, stringent condition be imposed. According to him, as the entire family is dependent upon the applicant, keeping him behind the bars would not be in the interest of justice. Judicial notice can also be taken that completion of trial will take time.

4. Learned A.P.P. contended that the offence is against nation, and therefore, strict view be taken.

5. With the help of respective counsels, I have gone through the record of the case, more particularly the charge-sheet. The record clearly shows that secret information was received that fake currency notes were carried by some persons. Therefore, raid was conducted. In personal search of the applicant, huge amount of fake currency notes were found in his possession. Further, in house search also alongwith fake currency notes, incriminating materials in the form of printer, CUP, computers, etc. were found. Learned A.P.P. is right in contending that since the offence is against the nation, strict view will have to be taken. The fact cannot be ignored that in the house search also fake currency notes to the tune of Rs.68 lakhs were

found. It is also not disputed that two more cases of similar nature are pending against the applicant.

6. In the aforesaid background, I am not inclined to entertain the application. Same is, therefore, rejected.

( RAJNISH R. VYAS, J. )

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