



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

27 BAIL APPLICATION NO. 509 OF 2026

VAIBHAV VIDYADHAR HOGADE ALIAS SARODE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ghanekar Nilesh S.
PP for Respondent/s-State : Mr. A. R. Kale.
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CORAM : SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.
DATE : 02.04.2026

PER COURT :-

1. Heard both sides.
2. The applicant is seeking bail in respect of offence bearing Crime No.465 of 2025, registered with Ashti Police Station, District Beed for the offences punishable under Sections 179, 180 read with 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita.
3. Applicant is involved in the offence of counterfeit currency and one note of denomination of Rs.200/- was recovered from him. A secret information was received by the police and accused No.1 Prakash Paraji Khade was apprehended with 64 counterfeit currencies. With further investigation, the remaining accused including the present

applicant were arrested. Applicant is behind bar since 07.10.2025. Charge-sheet is filed on 20.12.2025.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the main perpetrator accused No.1 Prakash has been enlarged on bail vide order dated 23.02.2026 by this Court in Bail Application No.236 of 2026. A copy of order is placed on record. It is contended that the investigation is over and applicant is entitled to be released on bail on the ground of parity.

5. Per contra, learned APP counters the submissions contending that the offence alleged is very serious.

6. The papers of the investigation disclose that initially Prakash Khade was arrested. From him 64 currencies were recovered. Thereafter, during the course of investigation, involvement of the applicant was revealed and from him only one currency of Rs.200/- is recovered. The allegation against the applicant are vineal as compared to the allegations of main perpetrator.

7. I have gone through the order dated 23.02.2026 passed by the Co-ordinate Bench releasing accused No.1 Prakash

Khade on bail. I find that applicant is entitled to release on bail on the ground of parity and imposing identical conditions.

Hence, I pass the following order :

ORDER

- (i) Bail Application is allowed.
- (ii) Applicant **VAIBHAV VIDYADHAR HOGADE ALIAS SARODE** shall be released on bail in Crime No.465 of 2025, registered with Ashti Police Station, District Beed for the offences punishable under Sections 179, 180 read with 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, on furnishing P. R. bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousands only) with one solvent surety of like amount on the following conditions :
 - (a) The applicant shall not pressurize the prosecution witnesses and shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence, in any manner.
 - (b) The applicant shall attend the trial on each and every date unless exempted by the Trial Court.
 - (c) The applicant shall submit their Aadhar and Pan cards to the Investigating Officer and

detailed addresses and phone numbers of applicant and two of the near relatives.

(d) In case of breach of any of the conditions by the applicant, it is open for the prosecution to move this Court seeking cancellation of bail.

(iii) Bail application is disposed of accordingly.

(iv) Needless to state that the observations rendered herein are to the extent of this application and the Trial Court shall not be influenced by the same.

(SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.)

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