



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

52 BAIL APPLICATION NO. 592 OF 2026

AKBAR KHAN RAUNAK ALI KHAN

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Jadhav Satej S.

APP for Respondent/s-State : Ms. P. V. Diggikar.

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BAIL APPLICATION NO. 537 OF 2026

IMRAN AKBAR KHAN

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

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Advocate for Applicant : Ms. Sana Raees Khan a/w Mr.

Harshal Prakash Randhir.

APP for Respondent/s-State : Ms. P. V. Diggikar.

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CORAM : SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.

DATE : 21.04.2026

PER COURT :-

1. Heard both sides.
2. The applicant is seeking bail in respect of offence bearing Crime No.314 of 2025, registered with Jalgaon Taluka Police Station, District Jalgaon for the offences punishable under Sections 61(2), 318(4), 319(2), 336(3), 338, 340(2), 351, 111, 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Section 66(c),

66(d) of Information Technology Act and Section 3(1), 42(1) of Telecommunication Act.

3. Applicants along with eleven persons are involved in the offence of running bogus call center and they are alleged to have been representing that they are having franchise of Amazon and other companies. They are alleged to have extracted money through Hawala transaction and cryptocurrency. They are alleged to have been defrauded Indian and foreign nationals. Applicant Imran Khan was arrested on 01.10.2025 and applicant Akbar Khan was arrested on 21.11.2025. Charge-sheet is filed on 24.12.2025.

4. In this backdrop, the learned counsels appearing for the applicants would submit that there is absolutely no material to connect the applicants to the overt act. Applicants are not concerned with co-accused Nos.1 to 3 or accused Nos.8 to 11. Accused Nos.8 to 11 have already been released on bail by Sessions Court. No statements have been recorded of the witnesses disclosing any money transaction or exploitation of Indian and foreign nationals. The allegations are merely on paper. There is nothing to show involvement of the applicants. The statements of Uday, Yogesh and Deepak would not take the case of the prosecution any further. The reference of the

applicant Imran in the statements would not per se inculpatory. It is additionally submitted by learned counsel Mr. Jadhav that his client is alleged to have witnessed a conspiracy but there is no material to indicate any conspiracy or his participation.

5. Learned APP submits that organized serious crime has been committed by the applicants along with others. The applicants' role and names are specifically spelt out in the First Information Report. Their role is clear from the statements of Uday, Yogesh and Deepak. It has been revealed during the investigation that they have committed fraud by obtaining money through Hawala transaction and through crypto currency. It is further submitted that the applications of accused Nos.1 to 3 for bail was rejected by this Court on 09.01.2026.

6. First Information Report only refers to the names of both applicants along with others. They are alleged to have involved in a fraud by running bogus call center at Jalgaon. Pertinently, both the applicants are not resident of Jalgaon, but they are from Mumbai. The call center is being run by Lalit/accused No.2 at L. K. Farm House at Jalgaon. It transpires from the papers of the investigation that role attributed to present applicants and that of applicant Nos.1 to 3 is totally different.

Those persons are the locals and their participation is evident. Therefore, rejection of their bail application by this Court vide order dated 09.01.2026 would not be impediment for applicants.

7. I have gone through statements of Uday Patil. He refers name of applicant Imran Khan. Similarly, witness Yogesh and Deepak also refers to name of applicant Imran Khan. In the statement of Deepak it reveals that some furniture was being ordered at the instance of applicant Imran Khan. Nothing incriminating has been pointed out as to exactly what role the present applicants played in running alleged bogus call center at Jalgaon. No material is collected to show any money transaction or trail of money or the account statements of either of applicants.

7. It is pertinent to note that the law is set into motion at the instance of Police Officer on the basis of secret information. The papers of investigation are silent as to who is being defrauded. The victim and the loss caused to any Indian or foreign national has not been surfaced much less complicity of the applicants. Both the counsels are justified in contending that there is no material to connect the applicants to the offence in question.

8. The investigation is over and the charge-sheet has also been filed. No criminal antecedents are reported against them. Accused Nos.8 to 11 are already released on bail. In such a situation, I find that further detention of the applicants is unwarranted. I, therefore, pass following order :

ORDER

- (i) Bail Applications are allowed.
- (ii) Applicants **AKBAR KHAN RAUNAK ALI KHAN** and **IMRAN AKBAR KHAN** shall be released on bail in Crime No.314 of 2025, registered with Jalgaon Taluka Police Station, District Jalgaon for the offences punishable under Sections 61(2), 318(4), 319(2), 336(3), 338, 340(2), 351, 111, 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Section 66(c), 66(d) of Information Technology Act and Section 3(1), 42(1) of Telecommunication Act on furnishing P. R. bond of Rs.70,000/- (Rupees seventy thousands only) each with one or more solvent surety of like amount each on the following conditions :

- (a) The applicants shall not leave the country and shall surrender their passports to the Trial Court.
 - (b) The applicants shall furnish to the Investigating Officer their contact numbers on which applicants may be contacted at any time and shall ensure that the contact numbers are kept active and switch on at all the time.
 - (c) The applicants shall drop a google pin location from their mobile phones to the Investigating Officer concerned so as to show their whereabouts.
 - (d) The applicants shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence and contact the prosecution witnesses.
 - (e) The applicant shall co-operate for expeditious disposal of the trial and attend the dates punctually.
- (iii) Bail applications are disposed of accordingly.

(SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.)

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