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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 402 OF 2026

Yuvraj Alias Yashwant Sankpal … Applicant
Versus.
State of Maharashtra & Anr. … Respondents

Mr. Ramanik Pawar with Nadeem Soudagar, Amit Waykool, Abhishek Shah, Vinod Shejwal and Abid Sayyad i/by Parvej Nadaf for the Applicant.

Dr. A. A. Takalkar, APP for the State.

Mr. Amol Salunkhe, API, Rajarampuri Police Station, Kolhapur, is present.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATED : OCTOBER 13, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard, Mr. Ramanik Pawar, learned Advocate for the Applicant and Dr. A. A. Takalkar, learned APP for the State.

2. By this Application, the Applicant is seeking Regular Bail under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, in connection with Crime No. 487 of 2025 registered at Rajarampuri Police Station for offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 140(1), 189(3), 189(4), 190, 236, 238 and 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 37(1) of the Maharashtra Police Act.

3. Mr. Ramanik Pawar, learned Advocate for the Applicant, states that there are 13 Accused in Crime No. 487 of 2025, with the Applicant being Accused No. 6. He further states that Crime No. 487 of 2025 is registered as Sessions Case No. 244 of 2025 and is pending before the Additional Sessions Judge, Kolhapur ("Trial Court").

4. Mr. Ramanik Pawar, learned Advocate for the Applicant, seeks bail mainly on the ground of parity. He submits that Accused Nos. 7 (Sikandar Mulla), 9 (Sahil Bhosale) and 10 (Mahadev Jadhav), whose involvement in Crime No. 487 of 2025 is similar to that of the Applicant (Accused No. 6), have been granted bail by the Trial Court. He tenders photostat copies of the orders passed by the Trial Court in Criminal Bail Application Nos. 973 of 2025, 874 of 2025 and 180 of 2026. The same are taken on record and marked **'X colly'** for identification. He, therefore, seeks bail on the ground of parity.

5. Dr. A. A. Takalkar, learned APP for the State, in all fairness, submits that although the involvement of Accused Nos. 6, 7, 9 and 10 in Crime No. 487 of 2025 is similar, the difference in the Applicant's case is that a bloodstain was found on the Applicant's trouser.

6. The Applicant was arrested on 21st July 2025. His Bail Application No. 972 of 2025, was rejected by the Trial Court on 26th February 2026.

7. Perused the records with the assistance of the learned Advocates for the parties.

8. Perusal of the records indicates that the involvement of the Applicant and Accused Nos. 7, 9 and 10 in Crime No. 487 of 2025 is similar. The allegations against the Applicant (Accused No. 6) and Accused Nos. 7, 9 and 10 are alike. Though Dr. A. A. Takalkar, learned APP for the State, has submitted that the difference in the case of the Applicant is that a bloodstain was found on the Applicant's trouser, considering that on almost similar facts, Accused Nos. 7, 9 and 10 have been released on bail, in the circumstances of this case, I deem it fit and proper to grant bail to the Applicant.

9. In view of the above, the Application is allowed on the following conditions:

a) The Applicant in Crime No. 487 of 2025, registered at Rajarampuri Police Station, shall be released on bail upon furnishing a P.R. bond of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only), with one or two sureties in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the Additional Sessions Judge, Kolhapur, in Sessions Case No. 244 of 2025.

b) The Applicant shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case to dissuade that person from disclosing the facts to the Court or any police

officer. Applicant shall not tamper with evidence in any manner.

c) The Applicant shall report to the Investigating Officer, Rajarampuri Police Station, Kolhapur, on the second Monday of each month, commencing from 9th November 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., till the conclusion of the trial in Sessions Case No. 244 of 2025.

d) The Applicant shall, within three days of his release, provide the Investigating Officer at Rajarampuri Police Station with his residential address and proof thereof, and his contact number and shall inform the Investigating Officer of any changes to this information from time to time.

e) The Applicant shall regularly appear before the Trial Court on the dates fixed in Sessions Case No. 244 of 2025, unless specifically exempted. If the Applicant fails to appear before the Trial Court on the fixed date, it will be treated as a breach of condition and the Trial Court will be at liberty to pass appropriate orders.

f) In the event of any default in complying with the conditions or misuse of the liberty granted to the Applicant, the prosecution shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail.

10. Criminal Bail Application No. 402 of 2026 stands disposed of.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)