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

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 413 OF 2026

Maruti Hanumant Halkurki,
Age : 44 Years, Occu. : Labour Work,
R/o Sector 49, Nava Nagar,
236 A, Bagalkot, Karnataka .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and another .. Respondents

Shri Kunal V. Patil, Advocate a/w Ms. Rajnandini P. Katkar, Advocate for the Applicant.
Mrs. Shubhangi D. Deshmukh, A.P.P. for the Respondent Nos. 1 and 2.

CORAM : SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.
DATE : 23RD OCTOBER, 2026.

FINAL ORDER :

. Heard Mr. Patil, learned counsel for the applicant and the learned A. P. P. for the respondents.

2. The applicant is behind bar in first information report bearing Crime No. 400/2024, registered with Tembhurni Police Station, District Solapur, for the offences punishable under Sections 178, 180, 181 and 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 since 20.08.2024.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that except accused Nos. 5 and 6 all co-accused are released on bail. The orders passed by the Coordinate Bench enlarging accused No. 7 –

Parasappa Venkappa Kulali and accused No. 1 – Laxmikant Shankarappa Allagi on bail are placed on record. Besides that order passed by the Apex Court in case of accused No. 3 – Karbasayya Virbhadaya Hiremath has also been placed on record. On the ground of parity a prayer is made to release the applicant on bail. It is submitted that main perpetrator has been granted bail by the Apex Court and there is no direct role of the applicant in the offence in question. It is further submitted that further incarceration is not required.

4. Learned A. P. P. for the respondents – State submits that the involvement of the applicant is disclosed during the course of investigation. The applicant is likely to commit the similar offence again. It is further submitted that the statement of the Karbasayya Virbhadaya Hiremath would indicate involvement of the applicant.

5. There is no dispute that accused No. 1 – Laxmikant, accused No. 7 – Parasappa are released on bail by the Coordinate Benches by orders dated 24.09.2025 and 16.10.2025. The main perpetrator accused No. 3 – Karbasayya has been granted bail by the Apex Court vide order dated 05.10.2026. The accused No. 2 – Sagar has also been granted bail. The antecedents which are disclosed by the prosecution pertain to the offences punishable U/Sec. 420, 467 and 468 of the Indian Penal Code. He is behind bar for sufficient time. He is entitled to be released on bail. Hence, I pass the following order :

O R D E R

(i) Bail Application is allowed.

(ii) Applicant - Maruti Hanumant Halkurki shall be released on bail in Crime No. 400/2024, registered with Tembhurni Police Station, District Solapur, for the offences punishable under Sections 178, 180, 181 and 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 on furnishing P. R. bond in sum of Rs. 20,000/- (Rs. Twenty thousands only) with one or more solvent sureties of like amount on the following conditions :

(a) The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

(b) The Applicant shall attend the Trial Court dates, regularly.

(c) It is made clear that the above observations are made only for the purpose of granting bail and the Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits in accordance with law and uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.

(iii) Bail application is disposed of accordingly.

[SHAILESH P. BRAHME J.]

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