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

CR. BAIL APPLICATION NO. 666 OF 2026

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Sujal Pratap Chougule … Applicant

Vs.

The State Of Maharashtra and Anr. … Respondent

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Mr. Kunal Patil for the Applicant
Mr. S.H. Yadav, APP for the Respondent – State
Mr. Shrikant Dabholkar, P.H. Vadgaon Police Station present.

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CORAM : SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.

DATE : 26th OCTOBER, 2026.

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. Heard both sides.

2. The applicant is seeking bail in respect of offence bearing Crime No. 664 of 2025 (Chargesheet No. 36 of 2026, dated 23.03.2026) registered with Vadgaon Police Station, Dist. Kolhapur for the offences punishable under Sections 309(4), 310(2), 311, 61(2), 238, 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short “BNS”).

3. The applicant is arrested on 23.12.2025. The charge-sheet is filed on 23.03.2026.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant has pressed into service plea of parity by tendering on record order dated 29.09.2026 passed in Criminal

Bail Application No. 901 of 2026. It is submitted that the first information report is lodged against unidentified persons. There is no incriminating role against the applicant reflecting from the papers of investigation. No antecedents are reported against him.

5. Learned APP points out the panchanama disclosing recovery of mobiles, silver break, weapons at the instance of the applicant. It is submitted that involvement of the applicant is apparent.

6. The first information report pertains to the robbery committed on 22.12.2025 in a moving Bus. The persons involved in the incident are unidentified. The co-accused Akshay Babasaheb Kadam has been released on bail in Criminal Bail Application No. 901 of 2026. I find that ground of parity is rightly pressed into service. No antecedents are reported against the applicant. Mere recovery at the instance of the applicant is not sufficient to detain him in bail any further. I, therefore, pass following order:-

ORDER

(i) The Applicant – Sujal Pratap Chougule in Crime No. 664 of 2025, dated 23.12.2025, registered with Vadgaon Police Station, District Kolhapur, 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 Trial Court in Sessions Case No. 68 of 2026.

(ii) The Applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person/s acquainted with the facts of the case to dissuade such person/s from disclosing the facts to the Court or any police officer.

(iii) The Applicant shall, within three (3) days of his release, provide the Investigating Officer with his residential address along with proof, his contact numbers and must inform the Investigating Officer of any changes to this information from time to time.

(iv) The Applicant shall appear and report to the Investigating Officer at Vadgaon Police Station, District Kolhapur, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., on the third Monday of every month commencing from 21.11.2026 till the conclusion of the trial in Sessions Case No. 68 of 2026.

(v) The Applicant shall regularly appear in Sessions Case No. 68 of 2026 pending before the Trial Court, unless specifically exempted. If the Applicant fails to appear before the Trial Court on the fixed date in Sessions Case No. 68 of 2026, the same will be considered a breach of condition and the Trial Court will be at liberty to pass appropriate orders.

(iii) The Criminal Bail Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.)