IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CR. ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLN. NO. 3071 OF 2024

Pawan Bhalchandra Bargaje ……Applicant
VERSUS.
State Of Maharashtra ……Respondent

WITH
CRI-INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 741 OF 2025
IN
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Shriram Baburao Bandagr ……Applicant
VERSUS.
State Of Maharashtra ……Respondent

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Mr. Viresh Purwant (Through VC), for Applicant.

Ms. Shubhangi N. Deshmukh, APP for the Respondent-State.

PSI, Mr. M. G. Shaikh, Vijapur Naka Police Station, Solapur, present.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATE : 14th OCTOBER, 2026.

P.C.

1. Heard, Mr. Viresh Purwant, learned Advocate for the Applicant and Ms. Shubhangi N. Deshmukh, learned A.P.P., for the Respondent – State.

2. On 21st November 2024, the following order was passed:

" Heard Mr. Punrwant, learned counsel appearing for the applicant, Mr. Khan and learned APP for State.

2. The applicant is apprehending arrest in connection with FIR No.0408 of 2024 dated 12.09.2024 registered at Vijapur Naka Police Station, District- Solapur, for offences under Sections 471, 468, 467, 465 and 420 of the Indian Penal Code,1860 (IPC).

3. The allegation against the applicant is that as the secretary of an education society, he forged a government resolution dated 28.02.2014 and used the same for the purpose of transferring a school being managed by the said education society.

4. Although, the allegation against the applicant is serious, but for an alleged act undertaken in February, 2014, the FIR has been lodged on 12.09.2024. It is brought to the notice of this Court that in the interregnum, several complaints were addressed to the education department in this regard and there were orders closing inquiries instituted in pursuance of such complaints, including closing of an inquiry by order dated 16.12.2019. It is also not clear as to why only the secretary of the said education society i.e. the applicant before this Court has been singled out as the person who committed the forgery.

5. While keeping the application pending, interim order can be granted in favour of the applicant, subject to specific conditions.

6. In view of the above, the following interim order is passed:-

A. Till the next date, in the event the applicants are arrested in connection with FIR No. 0408 of 2024 dated 12.09.2024 registered at Vijapur Naka Police Station, District- Solapur, he shall be released on bail on furnishing PR Bond of Rs.50,000/- and one or two sureties in the like amount;

B. The applicant shall remain present before the

investigating officer on 25.11.2024 and 26.11.2024 between 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon and thereafter, as and when called by the investigating officer. He shall co-operate with the investigation;

C. The applicant shall not influence the informant, witness or any person concerned with the case and he shall not tamper with the evidence.

7. Needless to say, violation of any of the aforesaid conditions may result in this order being recalled.

8. List the application for further consideration on 3rd January 2025."

3. Mr. Viresh Purwant, learned Advocate for the Applicant, submits that the Applicant has appeared before the Investigating Officer and has cooperated with the investigation in Crime No. 0408 of 2024. He further submits that upon completion of the investigation, the charge-sheet was filed, and the case is registered as R.C.C. No. 1599 of 2025, which is pending before the Judicial Magistrate First Class, Court Room No. 2, Solapur. He further states that the Applicant regularly appears in the said proceedings bearing R.C.C. No. 1599 of 2025.

4. Ms. Shubhangi N. Deshmukh, learned A.P.P. for the Respondent–State, confirms the submissions made by Mr. Viresh Purwant, learned Advocate for the Applicant and the pending status of R.C.C. No. 1599 of 2025 before the Judicial Magistrate First Class, Court Room No. 2, Solapur.

5. Considering the submissions made by Mr. Viresh Purwant, learned Advocate for the Applicant and Ms. Shubhangi N. Deshmukh,

learned A.P.P. for the Respondent–State, having regard to the fact that the Applicant has been on interim bail since 21st November, 2024 and that there are no allegations of breach of liberty or violation of any bail conditions, this Application is allowed by confirming the Order dated 21st November, 2024 and making it absolute in terms of paragraphs 6(A) and 6(C) thereof.

6. Anticipatory Bail Application No.3071 of 2024 is disposed of.

7. In view of disposal of Anticipatory Bail Application No.3071 of 2024, nothing further survives in Interim Application No.741 of 2025 and the same is disposed of.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)