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

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 818 OF 2026

Sachin Santosh Pawar ...Applicant
Versus
The State Of Maharashtra And Anr. ...Respondents

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Adv. Amit Icham (through V.C.), Advocate for Applicant.
Mr. Shrikant H. Yadav, learned APP for the Respondents-State.
Mr. Rahul Prakash Phadtare (HC), Satara City Police Station, Satara, present.

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CORAM : SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.

DATE : 29th OCTOBER, 2026.

P.C. :

Heard.

2. By this application, the applicant is seeking enlargement on bail in offence bearing Crime No. 341 of 2026 registered with Satara City Police Station, Satara, for the offences punishable under Sections 310(2), 111(2)(b) and 111(4) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. He is arrested on 12.04.2026. The charge-sheet is filed on 10.07.2026.

3. The counsel for the applicant submits that there is no sufficient identification of the applicant. There is no specific incriminating role

attributed to him. There is no recovery from him. No antecedents are reported against him. The medico-legal certificate does not support the prosecution case. The clothes seized from him are not matching with the description in FIR.

4. Per contra, learned APP appearing for the respondents - State submits that applicant has been identified in test identification parade. The CCTV footage is incriminating and show the involvement of the applicant with co-accused. Applicant actively participated in robbery and he is not entitled to bail.

5. It is reported to the police by the informant that he along with two persons were keeping surveillance over the cables belonging to R.M.C. Switch Gears Limited Company. While patrolling in between 10.04.2026 and 11.04.2026, the informant and his companions were intercepted by six accused persons for ransom. They were assaulted, threatened and cash amount was robbed from them and they were having iron rod.

6. The medico-legal certificate of the informant shows one simple injury. If the assault is by six persons, then the narration in the report appears to be exaggerated. The applicant is identified in test identification parade but that itself is not a ground to deny him bail. There is no recovery from him. The recovery is from accused No.2. No

antecedents are reported against the applicant.

7. The clothes seized from him and which are seen in footage of CCTV camera are not matching. *Prima facie* there is suspicion for involvement of the applicant in the offence in question. The trial is likely to consume considerable time. No purpose would be served in detaining the applicant behind bars. He is entitled to be enlarged on bail. Hence, I pass the following order :

::ORDER::

(i) Bail Application is allowed.

(ii) Applicant - Sachin Santosh Pawar shall be released on bail in Crime No. 341 of 2026 registered with Satara City Police Station, Satara, for the offences punishable under Sections 310(2), 111(2)(b) and 111(4) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 on furnishing P.R. bond of Rs.20,000/- with one or more solvent sureties of like amount on the following conditions :

(a) The applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence and contact the prosecution witnesses.

(b) The applicant shall furnish contact number of himself or his close relative/friend.

(c) The applicant shall furnish his contact number and

address to the Investigating Officer.

(d) The applicant Shall surrender his Aadhar Card and PAN Card to the Investigating Officer, if any.

(e) The applicant shall co-operate for expeditious disposal of the trial and attend the dates punctually.

(iii) Bail application is disposed of accordingly.

[SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.]