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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1009 OF 2026

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Varad Ganesh Galande … Applicant

Vs.

State Of Maharashtra and Anr. … Respondents

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Mr. Sharad T. Bhosale for the Applicant
Mr. C.D. Mali, APP for Respondent – State
Mr. Valte, PC, Karmala Police Station Solapur present

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CORAM : SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.

DATE : 28th OCTOBER, 2026.

P. C. :

. Heard.

2. The applicant is seeking bail in Crime No. 629 of 2026 registered with Karmala Police Station, District Solapur for the offences punishable under Sections 278, 125, and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short “BNS”).

3. The applicant is arrested on 12.07.2026. Charge-sheet is filed on 07.09.2026.

4. It is reported to the police that accused No.1 – Sharad Vishnu Shinde was apprehended on 10.07.2026 and was found with 10 boxes of Mephentermine Sulphite injunction. On further investigation, it

revealed that there is a chain of sale of the drug without prescription from accused No.4 to accused No.3 and accused No.3 sold to accused No.1. In this way, the applicant is arraigned as an accused in the offence.

5. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that there are no antecedents against him. No incriminating material is recovered from him. The stray bank transactions of the applicant with other co-accused are not inculpatory.

6. Learned APP vehemently opposes the submission by pointing out the extract of the bank transactions between the applicant and other co-accused. The applicant is said to have purchased the drugs from accused No.3 and sold it to accused No.1. The drugs are banned article and cannot be sold without prescription. The applicant has acted in collusion with co-accused in selling the drugs which is dangerous for administering to the human body.

7. The first information report does not spell out name and role of the applicant. He is subsequently arraigned as accused on information from the co-accused that the seized drugs were purchased from the applicant. The bank transaction placed on record between the applicant and the co-accused cannot be *per say* inculpatory.

8. I have gone through the statements of witnesses Santosh N.

Chaudhari, Rohit Rajendranath Pawar and Tejas Anil Dhanawade, which would indicate the financial dealings of purchasing Mephentermine Sulphite Drug which is being used by the persons for the bodybuilding. However, there is no recovery at the instance of the applicant. There is no record to indicate that any efforts are made to search and seize the place of the applicant when he was available for interrogation.

9. The applicant is behind bars for sufficient period. Investigation is over. Further incarceration is not required. Hence, I pass following order:

ORDER

(i) Bail Application is allowed.

(ii) Applicant – Varad Ganesh Galande shall be released on bail in connection with Crime No. 629 of 2026 registered with Karmala Police Station, District Solapur for the offences punishable under Sections 278, 125, and 3(5) of the BNS on furnishing P. R. bond of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) 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 numbers of himself or his

close relative / friend to the Investigating Officer.

(c) The applicant shall not leave Baramati without prior permission of the Baramati City Police Station.

(d) The applicant shall inform his whereabouts and contact numbers to the Investigating Officer.

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

(f) The applicant shall co-operate Investigating Officer and attend the police station as and when called by the Investigating Officer.

(iii) Bail Application is disposed of accordingly.

(SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.)