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

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 683 OF 2025

Darshan Ravindra Bhagat ……Appellant

V/s.

State Of Maharashtra And Anr ……Respondents

Shri. Akshay Chavan h/f. Shri. Nitin Sejpal, Advocate for the Appellant.
Ms. Dr. Ashvini A.Takalkar, APP for the Respondent-State.
Shri. Satvashil Gaikwad i/by. Shri. Rahul Dhaygude, Advocate for Respondent No.2

CORAM : NEERAJ P. DHOTE, J.
DATE : 20th NOVEMBER, 2026

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1. This is an Appeal under Section 14A of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (for short, 'SC & ST Act') seeking regular bail.

2. The Appellant is the Student and pursuing examination of First Year, Bachelor of Science (Computer Application) from the Savitribai Phule Pune University. The Appellant is seeking bail for appearing in online examination scheduled on 23.11.2026 and 24.11.2026.

3. The learned Counsel for the Appellant has tendered across the bar copy of the communication wherein there is a reference of online examination on 23.11.2026. According to the learned Counsel for the Appellant, offline examination would commence soon thereafter. He submits that, the Appellant be granted bail for the limited purpose for appearing in the examination.

4. It is submitted by the learned APP that, she has taken instructions from the Principal of college wherein the Appellant is taking education. According to the college authorities, schedule for winter examination is not yet declared. She submits that, as soon as the schedule for the examination is declared, the prayer can be considered at that point of time.

5. On earlier occasion i.e. on 23.10.2026, this Court had granted bail to the Appellant for the purposes of appearing in the examination. There is nothing to show that, the Appellant had misused the said liberty.

6. Considering that, the Appellant is appearing for the online examination scheduled on 23.11.2026 and 24.11.2026, the following order is passed.

ORDER

(i) The Appellant be released on temporary bail on furnishing encash bail of Rs.25,000/- (Rs. Twenty Five Thousand) in connection with the Special Case No.5 of 2025 pending before the learned Special Judge, Satara, arising out of FIR No.I-472 of 2024 registered with the Lonand Police Station, till 30.11.2026.

(ii) The Appellant shall furnish fresh bonds.

(iii) On 30.11.2026 the Applicant shall place on record the schedule of the examination which would be held after the online examination.

(iv) Since the amount of Rs.25,000/- (Rs. Twenty Five Thousand) is already deposited by the Appellant pursuant to the order dated 23.10.2026, the said amount shall be considered towards the cash bail pursuant to this order.

(v) List the Appeal on 30.11.2026 at 02:30 p.m. for further consideration.

[NEERAJ P. DHOTE, J.]