

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3617 OF 2025

Narendra Rajaram Salokhe

VERSUS

The State of Maharashtra

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Mr. Sagar Shinde, Advocate for Applicant.

Mr. Nitin B. Patil, APP for the respondent-State

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CORAM : SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.

DATE : 26th MARCH, 2026.

P. C. :

1. The applicant seeks regular bail in connection with C.R. No. 287 of 2025 dated 24.04.2025 registered with Juna Rajwada Police Station, District Kolhapur for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1) of the *Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023*.

2. Heard.

3. Learned Counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the crime. The applicant is in custody since is arrest on 24.04.2025. Investigation is complet and the charge-sheet is filed. The alleged incident had occurred at the spur of the moment. The trial is unlikely to conclude within a reasonable period. As such, further incarceration of the applicant is unjustified.

Hence, prayed to allow the application.

4. Per contra, learned APP opposed the application submitting that the offence is serious in nature. Learned APP has further expressed an apprehension that if the applicant is released, may influence or threaten the witnesses.

5. Upon considering submissions of both sides and perusal of the material on record, including charge-sheet, *prima facie* it appears that there was absence of motive on the part of the present applicant and incident had occurred at the spur of moment without there being premeditation. The necessary recovery is carried out by the investigating agency. The investigation is complete for all intent and purpose, resultantly, the charge-sheet is filed. The applicant has already suffered a detention for almost a year.

6. Apart from the aforesaid aspects, having regard to the number witnesses which the prosecution proposes to examine, it is very unlikely that the trial can be commenced and concluded within a reasonable period. In this view of the matter, further incarceration of the applicant would be unjustified. As far as the apprehension expressed by the learned A.P.P. in relation to tampering prosecution witnesses is concerned, the same can be adequately taken care of by imposing stringent conditions.

7. Hence, the order :-

ORDER

I. The bail application is allowed.

II. Applicant - Narendra Rajaram Salokhe be released on bail, on furnishing PR. bond in the sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rs.Fifty Thousand) with one or two local solvent sureties, in the like amount, in connection with C.R. No. 287 of 2025 dated 24.04.2025 registered with Juna Rajwada Police Station, District Kolhapur for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1) of the *Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023*, on the following conditions :-

(a) The applicant shall not pressurize the prosecution witnesses and tamper with the prosecution evidence, in any manner.

(b) The applicant shall not enter the jurisdiction of Commissioner of Police, Kolhapur till conclusion of trial, save and except attending the dates before the concerned Court.

(c) The applicant shall attend the trial on each and every date unless exempted by the trial Court.

(d) The applicants shall submit Aadhar and Pan Cards to the Investigating Officer and detailed address, where they are likely to reside as well as their own phone numbers and that of their two near relatives.

(e) In case of breach of any of the conditions by the applicant, it is open for the Prosecution to approach the concerned Court seeking cancellation of bail, notwithstanding the fact that this Court has granted bail.

III. Needless to state that the observations rendered herein are to the extent of this application and the trial Court shall not be influenced by the same.

[SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.]