

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLN. NO. 235 OF 2026

Ganesh Laxman Narle

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra And Anr

Mr. Rahul Dhaygude a/w Ms. Vaishnavi Mali and Ms. Sujata Lohar
Advocate for Applicant

Mr. P. P. Deokar, APP for the Respondent-State

CORAM : SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.

DATE : 17th APRIL, 2026.

P. C. :

1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in C.R. No. 390/2023 registered with Mhaswad Police Station, District Satara for offences punishable under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code.

2. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that case is based on circumstantial evidence and in absence of any incriminating material, arrest of the applicant is effected only on the basis of suspicion. In any case, there is no progress in trial which entitles the applicant to be admitted to the bail.

3. *Per contra*, learned APP opposed the application submitting that the applicant is involved in a serious offence. There is sufficient material to indicate and establish the complicity of the present

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applicant. Even the stolen articles are recovered at the instance of the present applicant. As such, prayed for rejection of the application.

4. Upon considering the submissions of learned counsel for the applicant, learned APP and perusal of material on record including the charge-sheet, since the prosecution case is premised on circumstantial evidence, *prima facie* there appears to be lack of seamless chain so as to indicate the complicity of the present applicant in the alleged incident.

5. Apart from the aforesaid aspect, since the arrest of the applicant is affected in December 2023 and there is no progress in trial, further incarceration of the applicant would amount to pre-trial incarceration which defeats the right of the applicant of speedy trial. Having regard to the number of witnesses which the prosecution proposes to examine, the trial is unlikely to conclude within a reasonable period

6. In that view of the matter, I am persuaded to exercise the discretion in favour of the applicant.

7. Hence, following order:

ORDER

- I. The bail application is allowed.
- II. Applicant, Ganesh Laxman Narle be released on bail, on furnishing P.R. 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. 390/2023 registered with Mhaswad Police Station, District Satara for offences punishable under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code, 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 attend the trial on each and every date unless exempted by the trial Court.
 - (c) The applicant shall submit Aadhar and Pan Cards to the Investigating Officer and detailed address and phone numbers and two of the near relatives.
 - (d) In case of breach of any of the conditions by the applicant, it is open for the Prosecution to move the concerned Court seeking cancellation of bail, notwithstanding the fact that this Court has granted bail to the Applicant.
8. 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.]