

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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 269 OF 2026

Prajyot Anil Salokhe

VERSUS

State of Maharashtra And Anr.

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Mr. Kunal V. Patil, Advocate for Applicant.

Dr. A. A. Takalkar, APP for the Respondents-State.

Ms. Shital Palekar (PSI), Shirol Police Station, present.

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CORAM : SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.

DATE : 15th APRIL, 2026.

P. C. :

1. The applicant seeks regular bail in connection with C.R. No. 219 of 2025 registered with Shirol Police Station, District Kolhapur, for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 109, 189(1), 189(2), 189(4), 190, 115(2), 351(1), 352 of the *Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023*.

2. Learned Counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the case. Nothing is recovered at the instance of the applicant. The applicant has no criminal antecedents and is pursuing the bachelors degree. Since the charge-sheet is filed, further detention of the applicant is not required. Hence, prayed to allow the application.

3. Per contra, learned APP opposed the application submitting that the offence is serious in nature. The applicant along with co-accused attacked the injured, (deceased) and the act was premeditated one. An apprehension is also expressed that if the applicant is enlarged on bail, there is every possibility of tampering prosecution witnesses. Hence, prayed to reject the application.
4. Having heard the submissions from both the sides and upon perusal of the record including charge-sheet *prima facie* indicates that the incident appears to have taken place at the spur of the moment. Nothing is to be recovered or discovered at the instance of the applicant.
5. Further perusal of the record indicates that the applicant is in custody since his arrest on 09.06.2025 i.e. for more than 10 months. Moreover, the applicant is pursuing his studies and the impact of prolonged incarceration ought to be considered at this stage. Since the investigation is complete and charge-sheet is filed, further detention of the applicant is not warranted.
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. I am, therefore, persuaded to exercise the discretion in favour of the applicant.

7. Hence, the order :-

ORDER

I. The bail application is allowed.

II. Applicant - Prajyot Anil Salokhe 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. 219 of 2025 registered with Shirol Police Station, District Kolhapur, for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 109, 189(1), 189(2), 189(4), 190, 115(2), 351(1), 352 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 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 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.]