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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4183 OF 2025**

Dinesh Madhukar Panvalkar	...	Applicant
Versus		
State Of Maharashtra And Anr.	...	Respondents

Mr. Aniket Vagal a/w. Ms. Savvy Kolhekar and Ms. Juhi Kadu, Advocate for Applicant.

Mr. M.G.Patil, APP for Respondent-State.

Mr. Padmasinh Patil, Advocate for Respondent No.2.

Mr. Arshad Shaikh, PSI – Dighi Sagari Police Station, Raigad District, present.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 15th APRIL, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in C.R.No. 20 of 2025 registered with Dighi Sagri Police Station, for the offence punishable under Sections 64(1), 64(2)(m), 128(B) and 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short “BNS Act”).

2. It is prosecution’s case on 21.03.2025, at around 8.30 p.m. the applicant took victim on his scooter, stating that he will drop her near her house. It is alleged that the applicant forcefully dragged victim in his house and repeatedly sexually assaulted her for two days by threatening her.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that medical

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evidence does not support the case of the prosecution as no injury marks were found on the private parts of the first informant. There is no final medical opinion of sexual assault given by the Medical Officer. The applicant is behind bars for more than one year. Investigation is completed and chargesheet has been filed. The applicant has no antecedents and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP along with learned counsel for the respondent No.2 that the applicant sexually assaulted the victim for two days by threatening her. If he released on bail, he may abscond and threaten prosecution witnesses hence requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard all the learned counsel. Perused chargesheet and documents produced on record. There is no final medical opinion given about the rape being committed on the informant. The applicant is behind bar more than one year. There is no progress in the trial. The applicant has no antecedents. It may take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

- i. The applicant be enlarged on bail in C.R.No. 20 of 2025 registered with Dighi Sagri Police Station, on executing P.R.Bond of Rs. 30,000/- on furnishing one or two sureties in the like amount.

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- ii. The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.
 - iii. The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.
6. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed of. All pending applications, if any, disposed of.
7. It is made clear that the above observations are made only for the purpose of granting bail and the Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits in accordance with law and uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.
8. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)