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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 449 OF 2026

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Ravindra Kisan Sargade

...Applicant

VERSUS

State Of Maharashtra And Anr.

....Respondents

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Ms. Rui Danawala (Thr. VC) a/w. Mr. Ashraf Ali Shaikh, Advocate for Applicant.

Mr. S.M. Mangaonkar, APP for Respondent-State.

Mr. Ajinkya Badar, Advocate for Respondent No.2.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 30th MARCH, 2026.

P.C. :

1. Heard learned counsel for the Applicant, learned APP for the State and learned counsel for Respondent No.2.

2. By this Application, Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 1084 of 2023 registered with Wakad Police Station, District Pune for the offences punishable under Sections 354 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'IPC') and Section 7 & 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

3. It is prosecution's case that on 06/11/2023, the applicant outraged the modesty of minor daughter of the first informant by taking her in auto rickshaw and hugged her and kissed her.

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4. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that applicant is behind bars for more than two years and four months. The maximum sentence for the offence allegedly committed by the applicant is five years. Applicant has undergone 1./2 of the sentence and requested to allow the application.

5. It is contention of learned APP along with learned counsel for Respondent No.2 that Applicant was caught raid handed with the victim. Age of the victim is 11 years. Applicant took her in auto rickshaw by giving chocolate and outraged the modesty of minor daughter of the first informant. If applicant is released on bail, he may threaten the victim and first informant and requested to reject the application.

6. I have heard all learned counsel. Perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record.

7. The Applicant is behind bars for more than two years and four months. He has no criminal antecedents. The maximum sentence applied for the offence committed by the applicant is five years. There is no progress in the trial. It may take time to conclude the trial.

8. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

(i) The Applicant- Ravindra Kisan Sargade be released on bail in Crime No. 1084 of 2023 registered with Wakad Police Station, District

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Pune, on furnishing PR bond of Rs.25,000/- with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount.

(ii) The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence and/or influence the prosecution witnesses.

(iii) The Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits and in accordance with law, uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.

(iv) The Applicant shall not enter in the jurisdiction of Wakad Police Station till recording of evidence of First Informant and victim.

(iv) The Applicant shall given his new address, mobile number after releasing on bail to the concerned investigating officer and co-operate with the investigating officer.

(v) Bail Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)