



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.

CRIMINAL APPLICATION [B.A.] NO. 461 OF 2026

Pawan Suresh Pawar

-- VERSUS --

The State of Maharashtra

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's Orders.

Court's or Judge's orders.

Mr. Vivek R. Thote, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. A.R. Chutke, A.P.P. for the Non-applicant/State.

CORAM : M.M. NERLIKAR, J.

DATE : APRIL 21, 2026.

Heard.

2. The present application is filed seeking regular bail in Crime No.456/2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 74, 75, 78, 351(2), 351(3) and 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, (BNS), registered with Police Station Pusad (Rural), District Yavatmal.

3. As per the First Information Report, the victim, a labourer, alleged that the accused, her neighbour, had been harassing and following her with unwelcome advances. On 25/07/2025, the accused allegedly caught hold of her hand and threatened her. On the next day, he again approached her residence and extended threats. Based on these information, F.I.R. came to be registered.

4. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that, the allegations against the applicant are that the applicant has held the hand of the victim, who is married, without her consent and asked her why she was not talking with the applicant, and based on these allegations, F.I.R. was registered.

5. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the applicant that the victim has filed her no objection for grant of bail before the trial Court, however, the application was rejected only on the ground that against the applicant 10 offences of theft are registered.

6. The learned A.P.P. opposes the application and submits that giving no objection by the victim itself demonstrates that the applicant has indulged in tampering with the witnesses, therefore, bail may not be granted.

7. I have considered the rival submissions. It appears from the record that the applicant has disclosed the said fact in his application, however, considering the allegations, that the applicant has held the hand of the victim, however, now considering the consent given by the victim, I am inclined to grant bail by imposing stringent conditions. Hence, the following order:-

ORDER

(i) The Criminal Application is **allowed;**

(ii) The applicant/accused (Pawan Suresh Pawar) be released on regular bail in connection with Crime No.456/2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 74, 75, 78, 351(2), 351(3) and 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, (BNS), registered with Police Station Pusad (Rural), District Yavatmal, on his furnishing a P.R. bond of Rs.25,000/- (Twenty Five Thousand Rupees) with one solvent surety in the like amount;

(iii) The applicant shall not enter into the village Wadad, Taluka Mahagaon, District Yavatmal;

(iv) The accused shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case, as also shall not tamper with the evidence;

(v) The accused shall provide his residential address and cell number to Police Station concerned and shall not change his place of residence without prior intimation to the Investigating Agency;

(vi) The accused shall attend each and every date of trial regularly. If he fails to attend

the trial for two consecutive dates, or fails to comply with the aforesaid conditions, his default would entail the State to ask for cancellation of bail or even trial Court can *suo moto* take cognizance of this and cancel the bail;

(vii) Pending Misc. Application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

[M.M. NERLIKAR, J]

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