



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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION [B.A.] NO. 485 OF 2026

Sulabh S/o. Dhramendra Thakur

-- VERSUS --

The State of Maharashtra

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Court's or Judge's orders.

Mr. V.N. Mate, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. V.A. Thakre, A.P.P. for the Non-applicant/State.

CORAM : M.M. NERLIKAR, J.

DATE : APRIL 22, 2026.

Heard.

2. The present application is filed seeking regular bail in Crime No.287/2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 49, 238(c) read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS), registered with Police Station Mankapur, District Nagpur.

3. As per the First Information Report, the informant stated that his son, Aman Dhruvwanshi had gone out from his residence on 14/06/2025 at about 7:00 p.m. after informing his mother that he was going to meet his friends and would return shortly. When he did not return, repeated attempts were made to contact him, but his mobile phone was found switched off or out of coverage area. On

15/06/2025, while the complainant had gone to lodge a missing report, he was informed by the police that a body of an unknown person was found in the Gorewada Hills area. On reaching the spot, the informant identified the deceased as his son. Based on this information, F.I.R. was registered.

4. The applicant claims bail on the basis of parity, as this Court in Criminal Application [B.A.] No.28/2026, by order dated 02/02/2026, has granted bail to one, Abhishek Rajesh Katariya.

5. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that, there is no overt act shown in the entire charge-sheet against the applicant. Only on the basis of confessional statements, which is inadmissible, the applicant and others have been implicated in the crime, and therefore, he submits that the applicant is having a better case than Abhishek Katariya, who has been released on bail by this Court.

6. On the other hand, the learned A.P.P. concedes this fact, that except confessional statement, there is no other incriminating circumstance, however, he submits that, there are CDR reports which shows that the applicant was in touch with other co-accused, and therefore, it cannot be said that, the applicant is not involved in the

crime and the present application deserves to be rejected.

7. I have considered the rival submissions. I have seen the papers of investigation. Apparently, it appears that, the name of the applicant surfaces on the basis of confessional statement given by main accused - Lucky to several persons. It further appears that, the applicant is resident of Gorewada. All these factors have been considered by this Court in Paragraph No.6 of the order dated 02/02/2026. The same would be applicable to the present applicant also. In this view of the matter, 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 (Sulabh S/o. Dhramendra Thakur) be released on regular bail in connection with Crime No.287/2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 49, 238(c) read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS), registered with Police Station Mankapur, District Nagpur, on his furnishing a PR. bond of Rs.50,000/- (Fifty Thousand Rupees) with two solvent sureties in the like amount;

(iii) 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;

(iv) 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;

(v) 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.

8. The observations of this Court are *prima facie* in nature. The Trial Court shall not be influenced by the observations of this Court and the observations are restricted to this bail application only.

[M.M. NERLIKAR, J]