

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (BA) NO. 537/2026

(Raju Ramchandra Pawar Vs. State of Maharashtra)

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Mr. M. N. Ali, Advocate for applicant.
Mr. U. R. Phasate, APP for non-applicant/State.

CORAM: M. M. NERLIKAR, J.

DATED : 10/06/2026.

Heard.

2. By this application, the applicant is seeking bail in connection with Crime No. 272/2025 registered at Police Station Jaulka, Tq. and Dist. Washim for the offences punishable under Sections 103, 109, 189(2), 191(2), 191(3), 190 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

3. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that so far as the present applicant is concerned, he has not played an active role in the crime. The only allegation against the applicant is that he has given a slap on the cheek of the Darebhan Keshav Chauhan. He submits that main allegation is against Ajay Chauhan who has inflicted blow on Avinash son of the informant with the help of knife due to which Avinash died. He further submits that

this Court in the same crime has granted bail to Ashok Ramchandra Pawar on 23/03/2026, therefore, the learned counsel submits that considering the limited role of the applicant, he deserves to be granted bail on parity as the role played by the applicant is lesser than Ashok Pawar. He further submits that there are no criminal antecedents and therefore he deserves to be granted bail.

4. On the other hand, the learned APP vehemently opposes the application stating that there are eyewitnesses to the incident. The name of the present applicant appears in the first information report. He submits that it is the applicant who has started the quarrel by slapping Darebhan Chauhan. All the accused persons are liable for the offence of murder in view of common object. Considering the seriousness of the crime, the applicant does not deserve to be enlarged on bail

5. I have considered the rival submissions. It appears from the record that the present applicant has slapped Darebhan Chauhan. There is no injury certificate on record to that effect. It further appears that the applicant has not played active role in the assault made to the deceased

Avinash. In fact, accused, Ajay Chauhan has inflicted blow on the head of the deceased Avinash with the help of knife.

6. Considering the limited role played by the applicant and the fact that the applicant is arrested on 23/10/2025, the investigation is complete and charge-sheet is filed, I am inclined to grant bail, hence the following order:-

ORDER

- (i) Criminal application is allowed and disposed of.
- (ii) The applicant/accused Raju Ramchandra Pawar be released on bail in connection with Crime No. 272/2025 registered at Police Station Jaulka, Tq. and Dist. Washim for the offences punishable under Sections 103, 109, 189(2), 191(2), 191(3), 190 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita on his furnishing P.R. Bond of Rs. 25,000/- with one surety 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 concerned Police Station and shall not change his place of residence without prior intimation to the concerned Investigating Officer.

(v) The applicant/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.

7. The observations of this Court are prima facie in nature and are only limited to this application. The Trial Court shall not be influenced by the aforesaid observation.

(M. M. NERLIKAR, J.)

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