



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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION [B.A.] NO. 554 OF 2026

Farzana @ Anjum Ansar Qureshi

-- 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. Raja Rebatiraman Sinha, Advocate h/f. Mr. M.N. Ali,
Advocate for the Applicant.

Ms. S.N. Thakur, A.P.P. for the Non-applicant/State.

CORAM : M.M. NERLIKAR, J.

DATE : MAY 06, 2026.

Heard.

2. The present application is filed seeking regular bail in Crime No.639/2022 for the offences punishable under Sections 363, 369, 370, 34 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, (IPC) and Sections 75, 81 and 84 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, registered with Police Station Kalamna, District Nagpur.

3. As per the First Information Report, the informant resides with her husband and children, including her infant son Jiten, aged about eight months. The accused, Yogendra Prajapati, was residing as a tenant in the neighbouring premises and

had developed acquaintance with the informant's family by frequently visiting their house and taking the child for short durations. On 10/11/2022, at about 12:00 noon, the accused took the infant child from the informant's house on the pretext of taking him to a nearby shop, however, he did not return. Upon inquiry, the informant found the accused's house locked and was unable to trace him or the child despite searching in the locality. It is alleged that the accused took away the minor child and absconded. Based on the said information, the F.I.R. was lodged.

4. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that, this Court, by order dated 24/03/2026, has granted bail to one of the accused, namely, Sima Parveen Abdul Rauf Ansari, in Criminal Application [B.A.] No.314/2026. He submits that on the ground of "delay in trial", this Court has granted bail to Sima Parveen Abdul Rauf Ansari and detailed reasons are given in the order dated 24/03/2026. Even the present applicant is in jail since 11/11/2022. He submits that the applicant also deserved to be granted bail on the ground of "delay in trial" by granting parity.

5. On the other hand, the learned A.P.P. concedes to this fact.

6. For the reasons stated in the order dated 24/03/2026 in Criminal Application [B.A.] No.314/2026, 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 (Farzana @ Anjum Ansar Qureshi) be released on regular bail in connection with Crime No.639/2022 for the offences punishable under Sections 363, 369, 370, 34 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, (IPC) and Sections 75, 81 and 84 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, registered with Police Station Kalamna, District Nagpur, on her furnishing a P.R. 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 her residential address and cell number to Police

Station concerned and shall not change her place of residence without prior intimation to the Investigating Agency;

(v) The accused shall attend each and every date of trial regularly. If she fails to attend the trial for one single date, or fails to comply with the aforesaid conditions, her default would entail the State to ask for cancellation of bail;

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

[M.M. NERLIKAR, J]