



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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (ABA) NO. 48 OF 2026

Swati W/o. Vijay Talmale

Vs.

State of Maharashtra

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of
Coram, appearances, Court's Orders
or directions and Registrar's order

Court's or Judge's Order

Shri Akshay Naik, Senior Advocate a/w. Shri P S. Dhenge, Advocate for applicant.
Shri N. R. Rode, APP for non-applicant/State.

CORAM :- M. W. CHANDWANI, J.

DATED :- 27.01.2026

Heard.

2. Issue notice to the non-applicant, returnable on 10.02.2026.
3. The learned APP waives service of notice for the non-applicant/State.
4. The applicant is apprehending arrest in connection with Crime No. 24/2025 for the offences punishable under Section 319(2), 318(2), 338, 336(3), 340(1), 340(2) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 r/w. Section 66(c) of the Information Technology Act, 2000 registered with Nagpur Cyber Police Station.
5. The contention is that, the Shalarth ID scam was unearthed, wherein bogus Shalarth IDs of the teachers who were not appointed legally were created.

6. According to the learned Senior Advocate, the applicant who is the Principal of Vidya Vikas Upper Primary School, Wathoda, Nagpur had sent a proposal for release of the salary, by virtue of which, Shalarth IDs of 15 teachers was created. It is also contented that appointment of all these 15 teachers was already approved by the Education Officer. The copy of the approval is tendered across the bar and it is taken on record and marked as 'X' for identification.

7. Considering the submissions as well as the order of approval of the teachers, a case is made out for grant of *ad-interim* protection, more particularly when the case-diary is not available with the Court at this juncture. Hence, the following *ad-interim* order is passed:-

i) Pending the application, in the event of arrest applicant- Swati W/o. Vijay Talmale shall be released on bail on furnishing a PR bond of Rs.25,000/- with one solvent surety in the like amount in connection with Crime No. 24/2025 for the offences punishable under Section 319(2), 318(2), 338, 336(3), 340(1), 340(2) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 r/w. Section 66(c) of the Information Technology Act, 2000 registered with Nagpur Cyber Police Station.

ii) The applicant shall appear before the concerned Police Station on every Monday and Thursday for next two weeks and shall co-operate in the investigation.

(M. W. CHANDWANI, J.)