

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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (ABA) NO. 136 OF 2026

Karan Dadarao Wankhede

Vs.

State of Maharashtra and another

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

Court's or Judge's Order

Shri Z. Z. Haq, Advocate for applicant.
Shri N. S. Autkar, APP for non-applicant/State.

CORAM :- M. W. CHANDWANI, J.

DATED :- 18.02.2026

Heard.

2. The applicant seeks anticipatory bail in connection with Crime No. 5/2026 registered with Police Station Malkapur Gramin, Dist. Buldhana for the offences punishable under Sections 74, 75, 137(2), 64, 115(2) 351(2), 351(3) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 4, 6, 8 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

3. The learned APP waives service of notice for non-applicant no. 1/State.

4. The Investigating Officer shall intimate non-applicant no. 2/victim about filing of the present application.

5. The contention of the learned counsel for the applicant is that there was a love affair between the applicant and the victim. According to him, the father of the applicant handed the victim over to the Police Station after he found out that the victim has left the house of her parents to come and reside with the applicant citing the reason that both the applicant and the victim are young. However, the victim refused to reside with her parents and therefore, she was sent to a Juvenile Home by the Police. Thereafter, the custody of the victim was given to her parents. After a passage of 15 days, the victim lodged the complaint at the instance of her father.

6. The case-diary is required to be scrutinized, which is not available at present. Considering the submission, the applicant can be granted *ad-interim* protection. Hence, the following order:-

i) Pending the application, in the event of arrest applicant- Karan Dadarao Wankhede 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. 5/2026 registered with Police Station Malkapur Gramin, Dist. Buldhana for the offences punishable under Sections 74, 75, 137(2), 64, 115(2) 351(2), 351(3) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 4, 6, 8 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

ii) The applicant shall appear before the concerned Police Station between 10:00 am to 12 noon on every Tuesday and Friday for the next three weeks and shall co-operate in the investigation.

7. Stand over to 09.03.2026.

(M. W. CHANDWANI, J.)