



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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION [ABA] NO. 161 OF 2026

ABHAYKKUMAR NATTHUSAOJI PANWELKAR

VERSUS

STATE OF MAH, THRU. P.S.O., P.S., AWADHUTWADI, DIST. YAVATMAL

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

Court's or Judge's Order

Mr. S. M. BHangade, Advocate for the applicant
Mr. S. B. Bissa, A.P.P. for the non-applicant/State.

CORAM : M. W. CHANDWANI, J.
DATE : MARCH 06, 2026.

1. Heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant.
2. Issue notice to the non-applicant/State, returnable on 23.03.2026.
3. Learned APP waives service on behalf of the non-applicant/State.
4. The applicant is apprehending arrest in connection with Crime No. 1644/2025 registered with Police Station, Awadhutwadi, Dist. Yavatmal for the offences punishable under Section 471, 466, 465 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code.
5. It is submitted that the applicant had obtained a tender for construction of canal between 85 and 86 Kilometer from Chopdi Irrigation Department, Dist. Yavatmal. The allegation is that in the process of procuring the said tender, the applicant had submitted a forged experience certificate showing that similar work was earlier conducted by the applicant.

6. The contention is that just because the Department whose experience certificate was annexed by the applicant, issued a letter to the Enquiry Officer that they do not possess the said document for the reason that is very old, the Enquiry Officer got registered an offence against the applicant. The further contention is that the applicant aged about 78 years is bed ridden .

7. Considering the submissions and the fact that the case-diary is necessary for perusal which is not available at this juncture, a case is made out for grant of ad-interim protection to the applicant.

i) Pending the application, in the event of arrest of applicant - Abhaykumar Natthusaoji Panwelkar in connection with Crime No. 1644/2025 registered with Police Station, Awadhutwadi, Dist. Yavatmal for the offences punishable under Section 471, 466, 465 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, he shall be released on bail on furnishing a PR bond of Rs.25,000/- with one solvent surety in the like amount.

ii) The applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when directed by the Investigating Officer and shall co-operate in the investigation.

iii) The applicant shall not indulge in tampering with the prosecution evidence and shall not pressurize the prosecution witnesses in any manner.

(M.W.Chandwani, J.)