



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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (ABA) NO.222 OF 2026

Vandana Suresh Muley (Ku. Vandana M. Ambekar)

Vs.

State of Maharashtra, through PSO, PS Hinganghat, Tq. Hinganghat, Dist. Wardha

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's Orders.

Court's or Judge's orders.

Shri A.M. Chandekar, Advocate for applicant.
Shri N.S. Autkar, APP for respondent/State.

CORAM : M.W. CHANDWANI, J.

DATE : 06.04.2026.

1. The applicant is apprehending her arrest in connection with Crime No.345/2026 registered with Police Station, Hinganghat, Tq. Hinganghat, District Wardha for the offences punishable under Sections 344, 340(2), 336(3), 336(2), 318(4), 318(2), 316(5) and 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the applicant as well as the learned APP for the non-applicant/State. Perused the case diary.

3. It appears that the applicant was the Vice President of Sanjay Memorial Teachers' Education Society which is a cooperative society. In the audit report of 2023-24 it was revealed that co-accused – Avinash Kamlakarrao Mule embezzled the amount to the tune of ₹12.51 lakhs by creating forged documents of the Credit Cooperative Society. During investigation, it was revealed that the present

applicant was also involved in the embezzlement to the extent of ₹1,31,750/-. Recovery proceedings under Maharashtra Cooperative Societies Act came to be initiated against the applicant and co-accused and a recovery certificate has been issued by the Assistant Registrar, Cooperative Societies. When the amount was not paid, the present FIR came to be registered by the Auditor of Sanjay Memorial Teachers' Education Society.

4. It is contended that the applicant has deposited the alleged amount. The learned Sessions Judge was of the opinion that it is not clear from the receipt that the said amount is deposited in the Bank. However, learned counsel for the applicant on instructions submits that the amount has already been deposited by the applicant with the said Cooperative Society; his statement is accepted. It also appears that the applicant was protected by way of ad interim order dated 24.03.2026 with a direction to appear before the concerned police station and cooperate in the investigation. Learned APP submits that that the applicant has cooperated in the investigation. All the documents are with the bank and therefore, custodial interrogation of the applicant may not be required.

5. In view of the above, a case is made out for confirmation of the interim order dated 24.03.2026. Accordingly, interim order dated 24.03.2026 is hereby confirmed. The application is allowed and disposed of.

6. The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when directed by the investigating officer.

7. It is to be noted that if the statement made by the learned counsel for the applicant regarding deposit of amount is found to be incorrect, the same will entail for cancellation of anticipatory bail.

(M.W. Chandwani, J.)

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