



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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (ABA) NO. 310 OF 2026

(Vikas Dadarao Pawar Vs. The State, thr PSO, PS Kholapur, Dist. Amravati)

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

Court's or Judge's orders.

Mr. S.T. Harkare, Advocate for applicant.
Mr. A.M. Ghogare, APP for non-applicant/State.

CORAM: RAJNISH R. VYAS, J.

DATE: 21.04.2026

Heard.

2. Apprehending arrest, the original accused no. 1 has preferred this application for grant of anticipatory bail in connection with Crime No. 44/2026, dated 31.3.2026, registered with Police Station, Kholapur, District Amravati, for the offence punishable under Section 306 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short, "BNSS").

3. Issue notice to the non-applicant, returnable on 28.4.2026.

4. Learned APP waives notice for the non-applicant/State.

5. The reporter of crime by name Ajay Girjashankar Verma has contended that he resides in Boston (America) and that his native place is Chandikapur, Daryapur. He had employed two persons, named Vikas Pawar and Atul Adgokar, as care takers of the property situated at Chandikapur.

According to the FIR, the keys of the house were also kept with the aforesaid two persons and those persons were aware of the household articles and the gold ornaments which were kept in the house. It is further alleged that on 20.11.2025, the informant came to his native place from America he asked Atul Adgokar to clean the house. According to the report, accused Atul then handed over the keys to accused no. 3 Pravin as stated in the FIR. It is further alleged that the gold ornaments kept by the informant in the house, as well as the American Dollars, were stolen. It is in this background, that the criminal law was set in motion.

6. The learned counsel for applicant has submitted that notice under Section 179 of the BNSS was issued to the applicant and he was called upon to attend the police station but due to some reasons he could not attend. Learned counsel for applicant submitted that even today, he is ready to attend the police station. Per contra, the learned APP has submitted that though, recourse to Section 179 of the BNSS was taken by the Investigation Officer, the applicant did not attend the police station and failed to cooperate with the investigating officer. He thus prayed for rejection of the application.

7. With the able assistance of the learned counsel for the respective parties, I have gone through the record of the case. Prima facie, it reveals that the applicant was summoned by the Investigating Officer and called upon to join the investigation. In view of the summons issued under Section 179 of the BNSS, I am of the view that till a reply is filed, the liberty of the applicant

may be protected, hence, the following order is passed.

ORDER

I) Pending the application, in the event of arrest in connection with Crime No. 44/2026, dated 31.3.2026, registered with Police Station, Kholapur, District Amravati, for the offence punishable under Section 306 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the applicant be released on bail on furnishing a P.R. bond of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with one solvent surety in the like amount.

ii) The applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station on 24th, 25th and 26th of April 2026, between 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon, and shall cooperate with the investigating agency.

iii) The applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence or threaten the prosecution witnesses and shall cooperate with the investigation.

iv) The applicant shall not leave the India without prior permission of the Court.

(RAJNISH R. VYAS, J.)