



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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION [ABA] NO.350 OF 2026

[Shubham s/o Madhukar Lone .vs. State of Maharashtra and one]

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Court's or Judge's orders

Mr. Sagar Katkar, Advocate for Applicant,
Mr. A.M. Ghogare, APP for Non-Applicant No.1/State.
Ms. Aastha Sharma, Advocate for Non-Applicant No.2 (Appointed).
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CORAM : PRAVIN S. PATIL, J.

DATE : 15-06-2026.

1. Heard.
2. By this application, the applicant is seeking the anticipatory bail in Crime No.0293/2026 registered with Dahihanda Police Station, Akola for the offence punishable under Sections 74, 333, 351(2), 351(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. The allegation against the present applicant, who is her neighbour, is that when the complainant was alone at her house, present applicant entered into the house and bite on her lips and tried to outrage her modesty by touching her private parts. On the basis of this allegation, the offence is registered against the present applicant.
4. The applicant approached before this court on two grounds, firstly there is a prior quarrel between the wife of the applicant and the complainant and secondly, the applicant is running and operating one Seva Setu Center at Village Akot, which is around 40 km from the village Rel and, therefore, considering this factual aspect, he is entitled for the bail.

5. The applicant has pointed out the order passed by this court dated 26.5.2026 wherein this court has granted ad-interim anticipatory bail in the matter and put a condition that the applicant should attend the Police Station on every Tuesday and Friday to facilitate the investigation and secondly, the applicant shall not enter into the jurisdiction of Police Station, Dahihanda, Tah. Akot, District-Akola and more specifically in village Rel, Tah. Akot, District-Akola.

6. The applicant and learned APP has pointed out that the applicant has strictly followed these conditions and there is no violation of any of the conditions imposed by this court.

7. The learned counsel appearing for the victim has strongly opposed the present application. She has pointed out that though the applicant is not entering into the village, but his relatives are giving her threats in the matter. However, the respondent no.2 failed to point out from any documentary evidence that such complaint has been lodged by her against the relatives of the applicant .

8. In the above said factual position, it is clear that the applicant has attended the Police Station and cooperated in the investigation. Therefore, the custody of the present applicant would not be necessary in the matter. On the conditions which are imposed by this court while granting ad-interim anticipatory bail, applicant can be granted anticipatory bail in the matter. Hence, following order is passed :

ORDER

(i) In the event of arrest in Crime No.0293/2026 registered with Dahihanda Police Station, Akola for the offences punishable under Sections 74, 333, 351(2), 351(3) of the

Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, the Applicant-Shubham s/o Madhukar Lone be released on bail on executing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.50,000/- with one solvent surety in the like amount.

(ii) The applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when called by the Investigation Officer. The Investigation Officer is directed to give prior one day notice to the applicant if his attendance is required.

(iii) The applicant shall not enter into the jurisdiction of Police Station, Dahihanda, Tah. Akot, District-Akola and more specifically in village Rel, Tah. Akot, District-Akola, till the filing of the chargesheet.

(iv) The applicant shall, at the time of execution of bond, furnish his address and telephone/mobile number (s), to the investigating officer and the court concerned, and shall not change the same till the final disposal of the case.

(v) The applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any witness acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the court or any Police Officer.

(vi) The applicant shall not obstruct or hamper the police investigation and not play mischief with the evidence collected or yet to be collected by the investigating officer.

9. Fees of the learned counsel appointed on behalf of Non-Applicant no.2-Victim be quantified as per the rules.

10. The Criminal Application is disposed of accordingly.

(PRAVIN S. PATIL, J.)