



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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION [ABA] NO.442 OF 2026

[Mohabbat Khan Sattar Khan .vs. The State of Maharashtra]

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

Court's or Judge's orders

Mr. R.A. Ghosh, Advocate with Ms. Ankita A. Umrao, Advocate for Applicant.
Ms. Mukta R. Kavimandan, APP for Respondent-State.

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CORAM : PRAVIN S. PATIL, J.

DATE : 09-06-2026.

1. Heard.

2. By this application, the applicant is seeking the anticipatory bail in Crime No.213/2026 registered with Police Station, Korpana, District-Chandrapur for the offences punishable under Sections 296, 333, 351 (3) of the Bhartiya Nayaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. In brief, the case of the prosecution is that the informant has alleged in his report that he had purchased a plot situated at Mouza Korpana from a person namely Narayan Panchbhai. Since then the present applicant, who is representing himself as a Journalist and Editor of 'Korpana Express' threatening him that he will not allow him to do the mutations of the said property in his name in government record. It is further alleged that on 5.5.2026 at about 10 PM, the applicant went to the house of informant and threatened him by stating that the plot will be forfeited to the government and if he want to save his plot from forfeiture, then he has to pay Rs.50,000/- to the present

applicant and also abused informant in filthy language. On the basis of this, the offence came to be registered in the matter.

4. The applicant, who has approached before this court, states that he is not at all involved in the matter and it is a civil dispute which is coloured as a criminal case by the informant. The applicant also states that considering the allegations which are levelled against the present applicant, the custody of the applicant would not be necessary in the matter. In the present matter, considering the allegations, the investigation can go on and the applicant is ready to cooperate with the investigation in the matter.

5. The learned APP has strongly opposed the present application. According to the learned APP, during the investigation, the statement of eyewitness was recorded and it is found that the applicant was present in the house of the complainant and abused the complainant in the matter. Hence, considering this prima facie evidence available on record, the applicant is not entitled for any relief in the matter.

6. It is not disputed in the matter, out of property dispute, the offence is registered in the matter. Complainant did not stated details of civil dispute in the matter. According to applicant, the disputed land was originally belongs to one Bhima Rama Madavi, a member of Scheduled Tribe Community. In violation of provisions of Maharashtra Restoration of Lands to Schedule Tribes Act, 1974, Complainant purchased the land. Therefore, said Bhima approached to applicant to seek assistance as a Journalist to bring the transaction to the attention of revenue authorities. As such, role of applicant is only to assist the poor agriculturist namely, Bhima Rama Madavi. However, to restrain

the applicant to render duty as a Journalist, complaint came to be lodged in the matter.

7. In my opinion, in such circumstances, custody of the applicant is not necessary. After the full fledged investigation in the matter, the role of the applicant will be clear. For that purpose, applicant can be directed to cooperate the police investigation. Accordingly, I proceed to pass the following order :

ORDER

- (i) The application is allowed.
- (ii) In the event of arrest in connection with Crime No.0213/2026 registered at Police Station Korpana for the offences punishable under Sections 296, 333, 351 (3) of the Bhartiya Nayaya Sanhita, 2023, the applicant-Mohabbat Khan Sattar Khan be released on bail on his furnishing a P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees-Fifty Thousand only) with one solvent surety in the like amount.
- (iii) The applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station on every Monday from 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM till the filing of the chargesheet in the matter and shall cooperate in the investigation.
- (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.

(vii) In case of breach of any conditions, the learned trial court is at liberty to cancel the bail after giving opportunity of hearing to both the sides.

8. The Criminal Application is disposed of.

(PRAVIN S. PATIL, J.)