IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (BAIL) NO.60 OF 2026

Mr. Sandeep Pagi,
S/o. Mr. Hari Pagi,
Aged 49 years,r/o. H.No.94, Palolem,
Canacona, Goa 403702.
Presently lodged in judicial custody
at Central Jail, Covale,
Bardez, Goa
Through his next friend,
Mr. Yeshwant Kashiram Pagi,
Aged 30 years, r/o.H.no.97, Parvem, Agonda,
Canacona, South Goa,
Goa 403702. .....APPLICANT

Versus.

1. State of Goa
Through The Police Inspector,
Canacona Police Station,
Canacona, Goa.
Represented by the Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Bombay
at Porvorim, Goa .....RESPONDENT

Mr. Arun Bras De Sa and Mr. Mahableshwar Toraskar, Advocates for the Applicant.

Mr. Nikhil Vaze, Additional Public Prosecutor for the Respondent.

CORAM:-ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATED :- 19th October, 2026.

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Arun Bras De Sa, learned Advocate for the Applicant and Mr. Nikhil Vaze, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the Respondent State.

2. By this application filed under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023, the Applicant seeks Regular Bail in Crime No.53/2026 registered with the Canacona Police Station under Sections 109(1), 118(1), 352, and 351(3) of the BNS 2023. The Applicant is the sole accused in Crime No.53/2026.

3. In brief, the prosecution case is that the Informant (Vasu Pagi) lodged a complaint against the Applicant, stating that the Applicant stabbed him with a knife on the left side of the chest, causing bleeding injuries. Informant further stated that the Applicant assaulted his wife with the same knife, causing an abrasion on her left wrist and a fist blow to the Applicant's son.

4. Applicant was arrested on 29.08.2026. The Additional Sessions Judge-2, Margao, Goa ("Trial Court"), rejected Bail Application No. 92 of 2026 on 09.09.2026.

5. Mr. Arun Bras De Sa, learned Advocate, submits that the Applicant and the Informant are real brothers. He submits that the incident of 25.08.2026 arose out of a property dispute between the Applicant and the Informant. He submits that the incident was not premeditated and occurred at the spur of the

moment. He further submits that in the said incident, the Applicant is alleged to have assaulted the Informant, whereas the Applicant claims to have been assaulted by the Informant. He submits that in respect of the assault on the Applicant, FIR No.54/2026 has been registered against the Informant at Cancona Police Station. He submits that the Applicant sustained head injuries, inflicted by the Informant using a koyta.

6. Mr. Nikhil Vaze, learned Additional Public Prosecutor, submits that the incidents of 25.08.2026 indicate the Applicant's clear involvement in the assault on the Informant with a knife. He further submits that forensic reports are awaited and that the matter is under investigation. Mr. Vaze, learned Additional Public Prosecutor, by referring to the case papers, submits that the records of FIR No.54/2026 indicate that the Applicant carried a knife and thereafter assaulted the Informant.

7. Mr. Nikhil Vaze submits that there is a real apprehension in the mind of the Investigating Officer that the Applicant may repeat the offence.

8. Perused the records.

9. Records reveal that the Applicant and the Informant are real brothers and have a dispute over the property, as submitted by Mr. Arun Bras De Sa, learned Advocate for the Applicant. Crime bearing No. 53/2026 is at the instance of the Informant, whereas Crime No. 54/2026 is at the instance of

the Applicant. Both the Crimes refer to the incident dated 25.08.2026.

10. Prima facie, the incident on 25.08.2026 appears to have arisen from the dispute between the Applicant and the Informant over the property matter. Though Mr. Vaze would be justified in saying that the Applicant carried the knife, a perusal of the records indicates that just prior to the incident, the Applicant was cutting vegetables and had used the knife for that purpose.

11. Considering the apprehension urged by Mr. Vaze, learned Additional Public Prosecutor, Mr. Arun Bras De Sa, learned Advocate, states that until the charge is framed by the Trial Court, the Applicant shall not enter the jurisdiction of the Canacona Taluka. Statement accepted.

12. Considering all the circumstances and noting that the investigation in Crime No.53/2026 is almost complete, the continued detention of the Applicant in jail pending trial is not warranted.

13. In view of the above, the application is allowed on the following conditions:

A. The Applicant shall be released on bail in Crime No. 53 of 2026, registered with the Canacona Police Station, upon furnishing a personal bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) with one solvent surety in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the concerned Additional Sessions Judge Margao Goa.

B. The Applicant shall not threaten or influence the witnesses, nor

shall the Applicant directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case to dissuade that person from disclosing those facts to the Court. The Applicant shall not tamper with evidence.

C. The Applicant shall within three days of his release, furnish his identity proof, his address proof (native) and phone number, WhatsApp number, including that of his sureties, to the Investigation Officer, who shall verify and keep the Investigation Officer updated on the same.

D. The Applicant shall not enter the territorial jurisdiction of the Cancona Taluka till framing the charge by the trial Court

E. The Applicant shall report to the Investigating Officer of Canacona Police Station as and when required for investigation.

F. Needless to say, any violation of the aforesaid conditions shall make the Applicant liable for cancellation of bail.

14. The observations made herein are prima facie in nature and limited to the extent of the grant of bail.

15. The Application stands disposed of accordingly.

ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

Signed by: MEENA VISHAL BHOIR
Designation: Private Secretary
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