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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2011 OF 2026

Aniket Vasant Kumbhar .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr. .. Respondents

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- Ms. Aarti R. Dharamsey, Advocate for Applicant.
- Ms. Rajeshree V. Newton, APP for Respondent – State.
- GPSI – Mr. S.R. Bhise, Saswad Police Station, Pune present.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : OCTOBER 19, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard Ms. Dharamsey, learned Advocate for Applicant and Ms. Newton, learned APP for Respondent – State.

2. This is an Application under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking Bail in connection with C.R. No.492 of 2025 registered with Saswad Police Station for offences punishable under Sections 64(2)(m) and 69 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. In the present case, the victim is an adult woman. She got divorced who has already been separated from her previous marriage. Applicant is 28 years old whereas victim is 35 years old. Admittedly, the material which is placed on record shows that both of them were in

a consensual relationship for 3 years between 2023 and 2026. First Information Report (FIR) itself states name of the lodge where Applicant and the victim used to frequent, stay and visit together.

4. Relationship gone sour with regard to the alleged promise to marry not having been kept *prima facie* appears to be the reason for filing of the present complaint. In the present case, investigation is completed. Applicant has no criminal antecedents. Considering the proximity of Applicant with the victim for more than 3 years prior to the filing of the FIR, Applicant has made out a strong case for grant of bail at the threshold.

5. Hence, in view of above *prima facie* observations and findings, Bail Application of Applicant is allowed subject to the following terms and conditions:-

(i) Applicant – Aniket Vasant Kumbhar is directed to be immediately released from prison in connection with CR. No.492 of 2025;

(ii) Applicant is directed to be released on bail on furnishing P.R. Bond of Rs.15,000/- (Rs. Fifteen Thousand only) with one or two sureties in the like amount;

(iii) Applicant shall report to the Investigating Officer at concerned Police Station, once every month, on the first Monday of the month between 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. until commencement of trial and thereafter shall attend all dates of hearing before the Trial Court;

(iv) Applicant shall cooperate with the conduct of the trial and remain present before the Trial Court on all dates, unless specifically exempted. Applicant shall not seek unnecessary adjournments. Any such conduct shall entitle the prosecution to apply for cancellation of bail;

(v) Applicant shall not leave the State of Maharashtra without prior permission of the Trial Court;

(vi) Applicant shall not influence any of the witnesses or tamper with the evidence in any manner;

(vii) Applicant shall keep the Investigating Officer informed of his current residential address and mobile telephone number and shall forthwith inform the Investigating Officer of any change in his residential address or mobile telephone number, as and when such change occurs; and

(viii) Any breach or infraction of any of the aforesaid conditions shall entail cancellation of the bail granted to the Applicant.

6. It is clarified that the observations made in this order are limited for the purpose of granting bail only and I have not made any observations on merits of the case. The trial shall be adjudicated on the strength of the evidence led and strictly on its own merits being uninfluenced with any of the *prima facie* observations made hereinabove in this order.

7. Bail Application is allowed and disposed in the above terms.

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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