

CNR. NO. MHMM-11009702/2026

IN THE COURT OF ADDL. THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
37TH COURT, ESPLANADE MUMBAI
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1033 OF 2026
C.R. NO. 67/2026 DCB CID UNIT-Anti-Extortion Cell

A) CASE DETAILS	
FIR Number & Date	149/2026, Date of FIR :- 17.06.2026
Police Station, District & State	Matunga Police Station, Mumbai, Maharashtra
Sections invoked	Section 308(2), 308(3), 308(4), 308(5), 308(7), 351(3), 3(5), 352 of the B.N.S., 2023
Maximum punishment prescribed	10 Years
B) CUSTODY & PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE	
Date of arrest	17.06.2026
Total period of custody undergone	Yet in custody.
C) STATUS OF TRIAL	
Stage of proceedings	Investigation
Total number of witnesses cited in the charge-sheet	NA
Number of prosecution witnesses examined	NA
D) CRIMINAL ANTECEDENTS	
FIR No. & Police Station	118/2014 Antop Hill Police Station
Sections	387, 120-B, 164, 168, 471, 506(2), 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

Status	Pending
E) PREVIOUS BAIL APPLICATIONS	
Court	No.
Case No.	--
Outcome of case	--
F) COERCIVE PROCESSES	
Whether any Non-Bailable Warrant was issued	No
Whether declared a proclaimed offender	No

ORDER BELOW BAIL APPLICATION

Accused Ramesh Jagmalsinh Chavariya and Anand Bishan Bidlan prosecuted for the offence punishable under section 308(2), 308(3), 308(4), 308(5), 308(7), 351(3), 3(5), 352 of the B.N.S., 2023 wherein accused have claimed bail by filing present application. The application is supported by affidavit.

2. The applicant has claimed that he has been falsely implicated in this case. The present FIR is filed after though alleging incident in the year 2023 and complaint is registered in the year 2026 i.e. on 17.06.2026. The applicant is claiming that the allegations are nothing but concocted story narrated by the informant and no case is made out for lodging FIR. The informant alleged that the developers of the B.M.C. and other developers were using the public access road for their development work and used to carry out debris and other construction material on trucks. The developer had made encroachment on PWD plot in absence of any valid permission and complaint was lodged by the applicant. FIR is outcome of present revenge. The allegations of nuisance created by project carried out by developer were made through various written complaint to the

authorities. The applicant denied the allegations and claimed that the FIR is lodged with malafide intention. Hence, the accused has claimed to release on bail on terms and conditions imposed by this Court in terms of prayer Clause of the application.

3. The learned APP and I.O. opposed the application on the ground that the offence is serious in nature and the amount of Rs.28 lakh and above is extorted. The offence is committed with common intention and in pursuance of conspiracy. The accused have committed this offence by working in gang. The accused have criminal antecedents. Possibility of tampering evidence cannot be ruled out. Hence, prays to reject the application.

4. The intervener Raghu Raman Devendra objected the application by filing intervention application. The intervention application was taken on record along with documents for consideration of application.

5. Heard the learned advocate for the accused and the learned APP.

6. The accused are prosecuted for the offence punishable under section 308(2), 308(3), 308(4), 308(5), 308(7), 351(3), 3(5), 352 of the B.N.S., 2023. The allegations against the accused through the FIR reveals that since December, 2023, the accused persons had threatened to the developer by attending construction site and contacted from time to time through mobile phone to the informant and the developer and thereby threatened to life for stopping the work of



development. It appears that in January, 2024, the accused had threatened to life to the informant and to the workers and thereby claimed Rs.1 crore for carrying work and therefore, the informant in order to complete the work smoothly and to avoid life threat, paid an amount of Rs.5 lakh to accused Mandip Singh and co-accused. However, thereafter the accused had demanded amount and for non-payment threatened to death and again the informant had paid Rs.2 lakh.

7. It is alleged that the accused had again threatened in the month of February, 2025 and under the threat of life and causing death, the informant had paid Rs.15 lakh to Mandip and other companions and the informant had recorded video recording in respect of payment received by one of the accused by Alvin Das. In the month of January, 2026 again the accused and his companions had came on the cite of construction and claimed Rs.1.5 crore under the threat and otherwise claimed that the work would be stopped on the gun shot and threatened to death of the informant. It is alleged that on 01.02.2026 again through the whatsapp call the informant was threatened to life and death and therefore, on the basis of threatening the informant had paid Rs.5 lakh to accused Ramesh Chavariya and Anand Bidlan.

8. It is alleged that on 02.02.2026, again through whatsapp call the informant was threatened and asked the extortion money under the threat of death and therefore, the informant recorded video recording through mobile while taking money by the accused and threatening to death and life. It is alleged by the informant that on 13.06.2026, again the accused had made whatsapp call for extorting



Rs.15 lakh and out that that the informant had paid Rs.1 lakh to the accused and out of that amount of Rs.50,000/- was paid to accused Kishan Bidlani and Rs.50,000/- to Ramesh Chavariya and for rest of the payment, the accused were making whatsapp call to the informant.

9. It is alleged that on 17.06.2026, again the accused Anand Bidlani made whatsapp call and demanded Rs.2 Lakh as extortion money to the informant and therefore, the informant had made complaint to the police and accordingly the FIR is lodged against the accused persons for extortion of money by life threatening and threatening to death and received amount of Rs.28,50,000/- and on the basis of FIR the accused have been apprehended for threatening to the informant and his developer for carrying out work of development and threatening for extortion of money.

10. The learned advocate for the accused submitted that since 2023, the allegations are made against the accused. However, there is no complaint by the informant and no one had came forward for lodging complaint. Therefore, the complaint lodged by the informant is after thought and allegations of extortion is made out without recovery from the accused persons.

11. On the other hand, the learned APP submitted that the statements of witnesses have been recorded. The accused had threatened to the informant to life and therefore, the complaint is lodged. However, after registration of complaint, the accused persons have again threatened to the informant to life and there is extortion from the informant by committing conspiracy and the accused are



habitual offenders, therefore, they are not entitled to be released on bail. She submitted that the investigation is in progress and there is possibility of tampering the witnesses and threatening to the witnesses. Therefore, the accused are not entitled to be released on bail.

12. Perused the FIR and allegations against the accused persons. It appears that the threatening to the life and putting danger to the informant, amount is extorted by the accused persons from time to time and in order to continue the development work. It appears that the informant, did not lodge the complaint with immediate effect for completion of work. However, the allegations levelled against the accused persons of continuous threatening and demanding extortion money and recovery from the informant through the accused persons prima facie show that serious allegations are levelled against the accused persons. The informant had made recording of whatsapp call whereby the accused have demanded the amount and threatened to life and the extortion of such huge amount prima facie establish that the accused are creating terror in the mind of developer and extorting money for conducting their criminal activity and as the accused persons have received the amount from the informant under the treat to life, if they are released on bail the possibility of threatening and putting life of the informant in danger cannot be ruled out.

13. The accused have threatened and extorted the amount from the informant under the whatsapp call, the payment of amount by the informant prima facie establish that the accused persons have committed serious offence and by putting the informant in threat to life and if the accused are released on bail, the alleged threatening and



repetition of crime cannot be ruled out. The accused have prima facie involved in commission of offence. The investigation is in progress and in such stage of investigation, if the accused are released on bail, the purpose of investigation and its progress would be hampered. Therefore, the accused have not made out their case for releasing them on bail. The role of accused and receipt of payment under the whatsapp call and threatening to life leads to conclude that the possibility of commission of same offence and threatening can not be ruled out. Hence, the accused are not entitled to be released on bail in the present facts and circumstances.

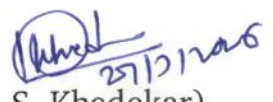
14. By considering the allegations against the accused and the threats given to the informant under the situation, this is not a fit case to release the accused on bail when the investigation is in progress. Hence, considering the nature and gravity of the offence with mode of criminal intimidation, the accused are not entitled to be released on bail. Hence, I pass the following order :-

ORDER

- 1) The application stands rejected.

(The order dictated and declared in open Court.)

Date : 27.07.2026


(D. S. Khedekar)
Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate,
37th Court, Esplanade, Mumbai