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CRIMINAL APPLICATION (BA)

NO. 153/2026.

(Suraj Arun Pande)

ORDER BELOW EX.01.

(Dated : 10.03.2026)

Applicant Suraj Arun Pande has sought bail under S.483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with crime no. 532/2025 registered with Civil Line police station, Akola, Tq. Akola, Dist. Akola for the offence punishable under Sections 75(1), 75(2), 78(2), 126(2), 351(2), 351(3) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2) Brief facts of the prosecution case are as under ;

On 27.12.2025, informant lodged FIR. She herself is victim. She is 18 years old. She is learning in 12th Std. She is preparing for NEET examination. She used to go for tuition at Motegaonkar Sir Classes. Applicant resides in front of house of informant. He is drunkard. He used to tell her that he likes her but she does not pay heed. She used to neglect him. Applicant used to follow her to tuition and college. Her parents gave understanding to him but he did not listen them. On 27.12.2025 around 5.00 p.m., when informant was returning from tuition by bicycle, applicant intercepted her near Radhaswami Grocery shop and said to her that he likes her. He caught her hand and demanded sexual pleasure from her. So she got frightened. He also threatened to kill her family members. People gathered. So applicant ran away. Thereafter, her parents came to the spot and they went to police station. FIR was registered. Accused was

arrested on 28.12.2025. Since then, he is in custody.

3) State has opposed bail application on various grounds.

4) Learned advocate Shri. Yusuf Nawrangabade for the applicant has submitted that previous bail application was rejected prior to filling of chargesheet. Custodial interrogation is conducted. Investigation is complete. Applicant is local resident. He is ready to abide by conditions of bail including not to enter in the locality of victim. As far as antecedents are concerned, there is no antecedent of atrocity against women.

5) Learned Spl. P.P. Shri. R.M. Akotkar has submitted that the offence is serious in nature. Victim is 18 years old. Accused is 36 years old. Case is yet to be committed. If accused is granted bail, there is likelihood of tampering and absconding. There are three previous criminal cases. He has strongly opposed the application.

6) Previously bail application of accused BA No. 23/2026 was rejected on 17.01.2026. Thereafter chargesheet is filed. Chargesheet bearing RCC No. 293/2026 is filed in C.J.M. Court on 24.02.2026. So this is first bail application after filling of chargesheet. Allegations against the accused are of Sections 75, 78, 126 and 351 of BNS. Accused used to follow the informant and in the last incident, he intercepted her way. He held her hand and pulled her towards him demanding sexual pleasure. Filling of chargesheet denotes that custody is not required for investigation purpose.

7) Custodial interrogation is over. Investigation is complete. Main offences carry punishment of imprisonment upto 3 years. Say filed by investigation officer shows that three previous offences CR No. 110/2015 of Ramdaspath Police Station, CR No. 248/2016 and CR No. 302/2013 of Civil Lines Police Station are shown against the accused. None of the offences are in respect of atrocity against women. All are old offences. There appears no proven antecedents in the form of conviction. Regarding apprehension of safety of victim and her family or repetition, suitable condition can be imposed. Trial may take long time considering pendency of matters in the Court. Considering facts of the matter no purpose will be served by keeping the accused in custody. This is fit case to grant bail to the accused. Hence, following order.

Order

- (i) Application is allowed.
- (ii) Applicant Suraj Arun Pande shall be released on bail in crime No. 532/2025 registered with Civil Line police station, Akola, Tq. Akola, Dist. Akola for the offence punishable under Sections 75(1), 75(2), 78(2), 126(2), 351(2), 351(3) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, on his executing PR Bond of ₹25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five thousand only) with one surety in the like amount.
- (iii) Applicant shall attend the concerned police station on every Friday between 03.00 p.m. to 04.00 p.m. for three months from his release on bail.
- (iv) Applicant shall reside out of Akola taluka for six months from his release on bail. He shall provide his

proposed address and cell phone number to the Investigation Officer and to the Court while furnishing bail with cell phone numbers of two close relatives respectively. He shall intimate any change in the address or phone number to Investigating Officer as well as Court. The applicant is permitted to enter Akola taluka only for attending police station and Court.

- (v) Applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat and promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Court or any Police Officer.
- (vi) Bail before lower Court/Court where charge-sheet is pending.

Date:- 10.03.2026.

[A. D. Kshirsagar]
Additional Sessions Judge,
Akola.