

ORDER BELOW EXH. NO.1
(Passed on 20th day of June, 2026)

(A) CASE DETAILS		
(i)	FIR number and date	244/2026, dt. 12.05.2026
(ii)	Police Station, District and State	P.S. Lakhani, Dist. Bhandara (Maharashtra)
(iii)	Sections invoked	Section 64(1) of the B.N.S. and sections 4, 6 of the POCSO Act.
(iv)	Maximum punishment prescribed	10 years.
(B) CUSTODY & PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE		
(i)	Date of Arrest	Nil
(ii)	Total period of custody undergone	Nil
(C) STATUS OF TRIAL		
(i)	Stage of proceedings (Investigation / Charge-sheet / Cognizance / Framing of Charges / Trial)	Investigation
(ii)	Total number of witnesses cited in the charge-sheet	The investigation is not completed.
(iii)	Number of prosecution witnesses examined	Nil
(D) CRIMINAL ANTECEDENTS		
(i)	FIR No. & Police Station	Nil
(ii)	Sections	Nil
(iii)	Status (Pending / Acquitted / Convicted)	Nil
(E) PREVIOUS BAIL APPLICATIONS		
(i)	Court	Nil
(ii)	Case No.	Nil
(iii)	Outcome of the case	Nil
(F) COERCIVE PROCESSES		
(i)	Whether any Non-bailable Warrant was issued	N. A.

(ii)	Whether declared a proclaimed offender	N. A.
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This is an application under section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (B.N.S.S.) for grant of anticipatory bail for the offence punishable under sections 64(1) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (B.N.S.) and sections 4, 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act) in Crime No.244/2026 registered at police station, Lakhani, Dist. Bhandara.

2) The applicant has submitted that he is the owner of a Lodge. He has not committed any offence and is not concerned with the relationship between the victim and the accused. He has verified the Aadhaar card, and later it was noticed that the same did not belong to the victim. He is ready to abide by the conditions imposed by this Court. He prayed for anticipatory bail.

3) The prosecution opposed the bail application, submitting that the applicant has allowed the victim and the other accused to occupy the room in the Cafe even though the victim is a minor. The investigation is in progress. The applicant may tamper with the investigation. He prayed for the rejection of the bail.

4) I heard learned advocate for the applicant and learned DGP. Perused the case papers.

5) On perusal of the papers, it is reflected that the applicant is the owner of the Cafe. The other accused had given the Aadhar card of another girl for the victim. The applicant was released on interim bail on 02/06/2026, and there are no allegations that he attempted to tamper with the evidence.

There are no criminal antecedents, and there is no likelihood that the applicant may abscond. Considering the nature of the allegations and that the trial may take time, I find that the applicant can be released on anticipatory bail. In the circumstances, I proceed to pass the following order :

ORDER

- 1) The application (Exh. 1) is allowed.
- 2) The order dated 02/06/2026 granting interim bail is hereby confirmed.
- 3) The applicant is to attend the Police Station as and when called by the police.
- 4) The applicant should not tamper with the investigation or commit a similar offence.
- 5) Issue a hard copy of the order through e-mail to the police station and counsel for the applicant.

Bhandara.
Date: 20/06/2026

(Bharti Kale)
Additional Sessions Judge,
Bhandara.

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Misc. Cri. Appln. (Bail) No.148/2026
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CERTIFICATE

I affirm that the contents of this P.D.F. file are the same word-for-word as per the original order.

Name of Steno	: G. M. Agashe
Court Name	: Additional Sessions Judge, Bhandara
Date of Dictation	: 20/06/2026
The order signed by the P.O. on	: 20/06/2026
Order uploaded on	: 20/06/2026