


MHBI010005672026 	<u>SPECIAL CASE No. 38 of 2026</u> The State of Maharashtra. <u>Vs.</u> Sanjay & Ors. 9
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ORDER BELOW EXHIBIT 15.

This is successive regular bail application filed by applicant/accused No. 2 **Trimbak s/o Bhanudas Pingle** under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (for short BNSS), in connection with C.R. No.544/2025 registered at Police Station, Shivajinagar, Beed Tq. & Dist. Beed for the offence punishable under Sections 318(4), 316(5), 338, 336(3), 340(2), 198, 199, 316(2), 61, 351(4) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, under Sections 7, 13 of Prevention of Corruption Act and under Sections 14, 34 of Arbitration and Conciliation Act.

2) The applicant inter-alia contended that he is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case with ulterior motive. He is pensioner and considering his honest work, he was taken in service on contract basis. Applicant was assigned duty only to enter arbitration award in inward register and to forward it to the Sub-Divisional Officer and on his direction to issue cheques in the name of the beneficiaries. Applicant was not writing roznama, nor concerned with alleged offence. There are vague allegations against the applicant in the FIR. There are no signatures of the applicant on alleged 154 proceedings in which false awards allegedly came to be passed. Alleged conversation between applicant and co-accused Advocate was in respect of release

of applicant's brother-in-law accused in another crime. Applicant has no antecedents. The case is based on documentary evidence and these documents are with the police machinery. There is nothing to be recovered or discovered from the applicant. Applicant is aged person. He has not given opportunity of being heard before the enquiry committee. Applicant has not misappropriated money as amount of Sixty Seven Crores Rupees was credited in the Bank accounts of farmers, in pursuance of alleged awards. There is no incriminating material against the applicant found during investigation. Concerned Collector admitted his signatures on awards. Hurriedly committee was formed and FIR was lodged. Investigation is completed and chare-sheet is filed. Further detention of the applicant is not necessary. The applicant is ready to obey every condition and prayed to allow the application.

3) Ld. APP for the State submitted say at Exh.25. It is contended therein that previous bail application of the applicant was rejected on merit. There is strong prima facie case against the applicant. Applicant was serving as contractual employee in the office of Sub-Divisional Office, Beed. Applicant had conversation on phone, with co-accused during the relevant period of the offence. According to the Investigating Officer, applicant was sending secrete information to others on phone for his personal benefit. Six files are yet to be recovered, in which bogus awards were passed. Investigation is still going on. Previous bail application of the appliant is rejected on merit. There is no change in circumstance and prayed to reject the application.

- 4) Heard Ld. Advocate for applicant and Ld. APP for the State.
- 5) Learned Advocate for the applicant/accused argued on the line of the bail application. He submitted that the applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. Applicant is appointed on contract basis, after his retirement. No prior notice was given to the applicant, therefore principle of natural justice is not followed and hurriedly FIR is lodged. Applicant has no connection with alleged 154 matters. There are no antecedents against the applicant. He only inwarded and outwarded the files. Applicant committed no misappropriation as alleged money was credited to Bank accounts of the farmers. Applicant's mobile phone is seized. There is no incriminating conversation of applicant with anybody. Concerned collector admitted his signatures on the awards. Applicant is not concerned with roznama of the files. Investigation is completed and charge-sheet is filed. Applicant is ready to comply with any condition and prayed to allow the application.
- 6) Ld. APP submitted that the offence is serious, economic and against the Government of Maharashtra. Applicant and co-accused collusively prepared false and bogus awards by putting signatures of the then Collector. The applicant was in constant contact with co-accused persons. After inwarding the files, said files were sent to present applicant and he was forwarding it to project director at Chh. Sambhajinagar requiring the funds. Even after sanction of funds further procedure was entrusted with the applicant. Applicant made conversations with absconding accused Deepak Raut regarding requirement of the funds from the office at Chh. Sambhajinagar. Applicant was allegedly sharing the secret information to others and co-accused. The misappropriation amount is 73.4 Crores rupees and it may increase in future. Co-accused are absconding. Investigation under Section 193(9) of BNSS is going on.

Previous bail application of the applicant is rejected on merit. Reports of RFSL are awaiting. Statements of witnesses show complicity of the applicant in alleged crime. If bail is granted, the applicant will pressurize the prosecution witnesses and prayed to reject the application.

7) Perused the application, say of learned APP and adjoining documents on record.

8) It reveals from the police papers that Land Acquisition Officer, Beed fixed rates of acquired lands for National Highway under National Highway Act, 1956 and passed Awards. If the claimants are aggrieved by said fixed rates, they can file arbitration matter before the Arbitrator i.e. Collector for enhancement of the compensation amount. During the period 28/06/2024 to 22/04/2025 the then Collector, Beed handled and decided the arbitration matters. Said Collector came to be transferred on 22/04/2025 and new Collector/Arbitrator joined in Beed on 24/04/2025. Allegedly it found that after six months from transfer of previous Collector in many arbitration matters awards were passed by mentioning old dates, name and designation as well as signatures of the then Collector, Beed and thereby enhanced amount of 73 Crore rupees was disbursed to some of the claimants in 154 arbitration matters.

Present applicant was serving as a contract employee in the office of competent authority and Sub-Divisional Officer, Beed. The original copy of arbitration award passed by the Collector after inwarding used to be given in the possession of present applicant. Then the matter was being sent to the Project Director of National Highway 211 New NH-52 situated at Ch.Sambhajinagar. After sanction

of funds, further procedure was also in the hands of present applicant. This applicant contacted co-accused Deepak Raut, who was serving in the office of project director at Ch.Sambhajinagar, for demand of funds and said conversation is seized. As the applicant was retired employee of Revenue Department, he in collusion with co-accused allegedly committed misappropriation by forging the documents and prepared false awards by mentioning old dates, designation and signatures of the then Collector and thereby allegedly duped amount of 73.4 Crore of public money. It also transpired that the applicant was allegedly sharing the confidential information on phone with others like farmers, advocates and co-accused for his own benefit. Contents of FIR as well as enquiry report reveals prima facie complicity of the applicant. On 15/08/2025 applicant made conversation with co-accused Sanjay Hange with respect to the present crime. Mobile phone of the applicant is seized. His voice sample is also taken. The offence prima facie appears to have been committed in a planned manner. Co-accused are absconding. Reports of RFSL with respect to voice samples of applicant and others and also about CCTV, DVR are awaiting. According to the Investigating Officer the duped amount may increase in future as out of 154 arbitration files, 148 files are seized and six files are yet to be seized. Accordingly further investigation under Section 193(9) of BNSS is said to have been underway. The offence is serious, economic in nature and against public money and against Government of Maharashtra. The police papers prima facie show involvement of the applicant in alleged offence. Previous bail application of the applicant is rejected by Ld. Predecessor on merit. In enquiry committee report there are serious allegations levelled against the applicant and co-accused. The offences are punishable with imprisonment for life. Considering the

facts, accusations, nature, scope and gravity of offence, if bail is granted, possibility of the applicant tampering with the prosecution evidence cannot be ruled out. In the circumstances, it would not be appropriate to grant bail to the applicant/accused. Hence, no case is made out to grant regular bail to the applicant/accused. In the result following order is passed :-

ORDER

- 1) The application is rejected.
- 2) Copy of this order be sent to Superintendent of Jail Authority, Beed, through E-Mail, who shall inform applicant/ accused about the order.

Date : 08/04/2026.
Beed.

(V. H. Patwadkar)
Special Judge
Beed.

:: CERTIFICATE ::

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Dt. 08/04/2026.

(Asifali R. Sayyad)
Stenographer Gr-I
Additional Sessions Court
Beed.