


IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE,
BULDHANA

(Presided over by **Shaikh Akbar Shaikh Jafar**)

MHBU010003772026 	<u>Criminal Bail Application No.</u> <u>53/2026</u>
	Vishnu Sukhdeo Bhalekar ..Versus.. State of Maharashtra

ORDER BELOW EXH.1

(Passed on this 11th day of March 2026)

1] This bail application is filed by applicant/accused for his release on bail under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

2] As per the F.I.R., the informant is resident of Mandani Sarnath, Tq.Khamgaon, Dist.Buldhana and does the work of spreading and propagating the Dhamma. On 25.2.2026 at about 9.45 a.m. he along with Shrikant Sudhakar Raut, Gajanan Lalsing Jadhav, Shobha Tejrao, Mangla Ramesh Jadhav and other 10-15 Buddhist persons left village Malgi in vehicle bearing No. MH-21-BH-5261. While going around for Dhammadan, they parked their vehicle on the side of a public road in front of the statue of Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar and started accepting Dhammadan. Meanwhile, a Tractor came there, the Tractor driver and the person sitting with him, started shouting, asking to remove their vehicle to other side. The informant told them to wait a moment as the driver had gone back to get alms. The driver of Tractor Shankar Pralhad Regude started abusing informant by saying “ टकल्या गाडी काढ,येथे

काय भिक मागण्यासाठी आला" and abused the informant. Similarly, another person namely Vishnu Bhalekar [applicant] said “ Mahars come from outside and put blue flags on their cars and park their cars on the road to beg”. He also said “महा-यांनो तुम्ही जास्त माजलेत, तुम्ही काय शेट उपटता ते पाहून घेतो ”. As such, they abused informant and his colleagues on a public place . Therefore, informant went to the police station and lodged report against applicant. On the basis of complaint lodged by informant, Crime No.150/2026 for the offences punishable under Sections 351(3), 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Section 3(1)(r)(s) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 came to be registered against applicant and others.

3] It is the contention of applicant/accused that he is no way concerned with the alleged offence. He is falsely implicated in the present crime. Informant has lodged false report against him. Nothing is to be seized from him. Hence, further custody is not warranted. He is ready to abide by the conditions and prayed for release on bail.

4] Learned APP Shri Hiwale resisted the application by filing reply Exh.9 and contended that offence is against against community. Offence is made out against the applicant which is serious. If the applicant/accused is released on bail, he may tamper with the prosecution evidence and may commit similar type of offence. Hence, prayed to reject the bail application.

5] Informant filed say at Exh.8 and opposed the bail application contending that applicant is of criminal nature. Other accused is absconding. If applicant is released on bail, he may threaten to him. Lastly, informant prayed to reject the bail application.

6] Heard rival parties. Perused the case diary. It is the contention of Counsel of applicant/accused that the punishment to offence levelled against applicant is up to 5 years. The applicant is in jail since 26.2.2026. Today the date is running 11.3.2026. The I.O. has availed the opportunity of custodial interrogation. It is the contention of prosecution that offence is prima facie made out against the applicant. Hence, he should not be released on bail. The Counsel of informant submitted that the the informant is receiving threats in case of release of applicant on bail. The applicant may pressurize the witnesses. It appears from the record, that the statement of witnesses are already recorded. Hence, no purpose will be served applicant keeping behind the bars. The applicant may be released on bail by imposing stringent conditions.

7] In above facts and circumstances, I hold that, applicant/accused is entitled to be released on bail with conditions. Hence, I proceed to pass the following order;

ORDER

- 1] The application is allowed in the following manner;
 - i) Applicant/accused Vishnu Sukhdeo Bhalekar be released in Crime No. 150/2026 for the offences punishable under

Sections 351(3), 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Section 3(1)(r)(s) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 registered with Police Station, Chikhli, on executing Personal Bond of Rs. 50,000/- (Rs. Fifty Thousand only) and on furnishing bail in the like amount;

- ii) He shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the accusation against him so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;
- iii) He shall not indulge in criminal activities in future.
- iv) He shall submit a list of at least 3 blood relatives with their detail residential addresses and also the addresses of their place of work, if any and documentary proof of showing the correctness of the details produced by them.
- v) He shall submit copies of at least two documents amongst the Passport, PAN Card, Aadhar Card, Ration Card, Electricity Bill or Voter Identity Card issued by the Election Commission of India.
- vi) He shall not pressurize or give threat or make attack on informant.
- vii) He shall not establish any contact with the informant or the prosecution witnesses.
- vii] Applicant shall not enter into village Mandani Sarnath, Tq.Khamgaon, Dist.Buldhana till filing of charge-sheet.

Buldhana
Date: 11.3.2026

(Shaikh Akbar Shaikh Jafar)
Additional Sessions Judge,
Buldhana