

**Criminal Bail Application No.113/2026**

(CNR-MH-DH-01-000480-2026)

Ganesh Maroti Patalwar. .... Applicant.

- Vs -

The State of Maharashtra. .... Prosecution.

**Order Below Exh.1**

Accused has sought regular bail under Section 483 of Bhartiya Nagarik Surksha Sanhita, 2023, in connection with Crime No.01/2026 registered with Cyber Police Station, Dhule for the offences punishable under Sections 75, 308(2), 356(2) of Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023 and section 67(a) of Information & Technology Act, 2000.

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

On 20/01/2026 informant/victim lodged FIR that, in the month of October-2025 informant received her Aadhar Card photograph on her instagram ID from instagram ID raghudada896. Informant asked her friend Tanmay Sanjay Yeole to check whose ID is it. He sent the first and last two digits of mobile number linked to that ID. From those numbers informant came to know that said mobile number belongs to the accused who let out a room to her at Pune. Thereafter after 2 to 3 days somebody sent obscene photos of Tanmay and informant to Tanmay from ganeshmarotipatalwar, ganesh\_patalwar\_, @Gpatalwar, @bj\_kb\_gosh and demanded Rs.50,000/- from Tanmay. Tanmay got frightened and showed those photographs to informant, due to which she felt ashamed. Informant narrated the same to her father and thereafter informant

along with her friend Tanmay lodged report at Cyber police station, Dhule. Applicant was arrested on 27/01/2026 and since then he is in custody.

3] The State has opposed bail application on various grounds.

4] Ld. Advocate Shri. H.D. Wagh for the applicant submitted that, the applicant is innocent and he is falsely implicated in the alleged crime. There is delay in lodging F.I.R. and it is not properly explained. Provisions of section 308(2) of B.N.S. are not made out against the applicant. So also the provisions of sections 75 and 356(2) of B.N.S. are not attracted to the present case. There is possibility of sending the said message by someone else by hacking the mobile phone of the applicant. The applicant was called by Hinjewadi Police, Pune in connection with online complaint of informant. His mobile phones and laptop were checked and he was given clean chit and no further action was taken against him. Investigation is practically completed and the applicant is behind bars since 27/01/2026. He is only bread earner of his family. He is ready to abide by the conditions imposed by the Court.

5] Ld. Special PP Shri. G. Y. Patil has submitted that allegations against the accused are serious. Custodial interrogation is necessary. Investigation may be hampered. Therefore he has prayed to reject this application.

6] Informant appeared before the Court through advocate Shri. C.M. Bhandari. She has filed her say vide Exh.10 and has

strongly opposed the application orally.

7] On perusal of the documents filed by the State and considering the submissions made by the learned advocate for the complainant it appears that an offence punishable under section 75, 308(2), 356(2) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and section 67(a) of Information & Technology Act, 2000 has been registered against the applicant. The accused is arrested on 27/01/2026. The allegations in the FIR show that the obscene photographs were allegedly sent from certain Instagram accounts and an amount of Rs.50,000/- was demanded. At this stage, the connection of the applicant with the said social media accounts appears to be a matter which will have to be established during investigation and trial through electronic evidence and technical analysis. The applicant has been in custody since 27/01/2026. The investigation mainly involves collection and analysis of digital evidence which is already secured by the investigating agency. Considering the nature of the allegations, the period of custody of the applicant and the fact that the evidence appears to be largely documentary and electronic in nature, I am of the view that further custodial detention of the applicant is not necessary. The presence of the applicant during further investigation and trial can be secured by imposing appropriate conditions. Hence following order.

### **ORDER**

- 1] The application is allowed.
- 2] The applicant Ganesh Maroti Patalwar, is released on bail in connection with Crime No.01/2026 registered with Cyber

Police Station, Dhule for the offences punishable under Sections 75, 308(2), 356(2) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and section 67(a) of Information & Technology Act, 2000, he be released on executing PR bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rs. Twenty five thousand only) with one local surety for the like amount on the following conditions :-

- a) Applicant shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.
- b) Applicant shall not leave India without permission of the court.
- c) The applicant shall not change his residential address without prior intimation to the Investigation Officer and to the Court.

3] A soft copy of this order be sent to accused Ganesh Maroti Patalwar by e-mail through the Superintendent of Jail, Dhule in view of directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court in Suo Moto W. P. (Cri) No.4/2021 (SC) dated 03.01.2023.

Date:- 10.03.2026.

[ Yasmin G. Deshmukh ]  
Addl. Sessions Judge, Dhule.

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