

Criminal Bail Application No.185/2026

(CNR-MH-DH-01-000859-2026)

Santosh Chindha Waghmode.

-versus-

The State of Maharashtra.

ORDER BELOW EXH.1

Accused has sought regular bail under Section 483 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita in connection with Crime No. 90/2026 registered with Dhule Taluka police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 108 of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita.

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

On 22/02/2026 informant Dashrath Bhatu Thorat lodged FIR that deceased Manisha Santosh Waghmode is his elder daughter. Initial deceased Manisha got married with Samdhan Sarak and cohabited with him for five years. Thereafter they both got separated by mutual divorce before Public Notary. Thereafter Manisha got married with Santosh Chindha Waghmode. Accused Chindha is father-in-law, Jijabai is mother-in-law and Akkabai is sister-in-law of deceased. She went to their house for cohabitation in joint family. Accused Santosh used to take suspicion on deceased Manisha about her ex-husband and used to raise quarrel about the same. On 21/02/2026 at about 09:00 a.m. accused Santosh made phone call to informant's son Pradip and complained about Manisha that she chats with her ex-husband on mobile. Therefore Pradip went to the house of deceased and made her to understand. On 22/02/2026 at about 10:30 a.m., the accused Santosh made a phone call on the mobile

phone of Pradip and demanded that Manisha should clarify her relationship with her ex-husband. During the said conversation, the accused also abused Manisha in filthy language and extended threats to her. Thereafter Manisha committed suicide by hanging herself. Informant came to know about the same at about 11:30 a.m. Thereafter informant lodged F.I.R. The applicant was arrested on 23/02/2026 and since then he is in custody.

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

4] Ld. Advocate Shri. K. R. More for the applicant has submitted that the applicant is innocent and he is falsely implicated in the offence. There is no earlier complaint about ill-treatment. The allegations against applicant are vague. The ex-husband of deceased Samdhan was addicted to liquor and he used to harass her mentally and physically. Samadhan used to threaten Manisha that their divorce is not legal and he will sue herself, her husband and his family members. Manisha used to tell applicant about the same and she did not want to go to Samadhan. Applicant informed the father and brother of deceased that Samadhan is harassing Manisha. On the day of incident applicant was at Jalgaon as he is truck driver. No suicide note was found after the incident. The investigation agency has sought M.C.R. of the applicant, which indicates that physical custody of applicant is not required. The offences alleged in the F.I.R. are not attracted towards the applicant. The applicant is truck driver and is sole bread earner of his family. His mother is 65% physically challenged. Applicant has no criminal antecedents. Applicant is ready

to abide by conditions of bail.

5] Ld. APP Shri. P. M. Patil has submitted that allegations against the accused are serious. Investigation is under progress. Custodial interrogation is necessary. Investigation may be hampered if this application is allowed.

6] The informant appeared before the Court through advocate Smt. S. B. Salunke. He has failed to file his say.

7] Gone through the police papers. On perusal of the documents filed by the State and considering the submissions made by the learned advocate for the accused it appears that an offence punishable under section 108 of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 has been registered against the applicant. The allegations in the FIR disclose that the deceased Manisha was subjected to harassment by the applicant on account of suspicion regarding her relationship with her ex-husband and that shortly before the incident the applicant had allegedly abused and threatened the deceased during a phone call. Soon thereafter the deceased committed suicide. Having considered the submissions advanced by the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned APP for the State and upon perusal of the papers of investigation, it appears that the investigation is still in progress and the charge-sheet has not yet been filed. At this stage, the investigation agency is required to collect material evidence, including the call detail records and other relevant evidence, to ascertain the circumstances leading to the death of the deceased and the exact role

of the applicant. Considering the nature of allegations and the fact that the investigation is at a crucial stage, this Court is of the opinion that it would not be appropriate to enlarge the applicant on bail at this stage. Hence, the application deserves to be rejected. Hence I pass following order.

ORDER

Application stands rejected.

(Y.G.Deshmukh)

Additional Sessions Judge, Dhule.

Date:-13-03-2026.

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