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ORDER BELOW EXH.1

<u>Criminal Bail Application No.32/2026.</u>	
Bilal Khaled Qureshi Age 25 yrs, Occu : Driver R/o.Musa Nagar, Udgir Dist.Latur	Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra. Police Station Deoni.	Opponent
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REGULAR BAIL APPLICATION UNDER S.483 OF B.N.S.S.

<u>Appearances</u>	
For applicant	Advocate Shri.N.N.Patel
For State	APP Shri.S.M.Girwalkar

A)	Case details :	
1.	FIR number and date	44/2026 Dt.25.02.2026
2.	Police Station, District, State	Police Station Deoni, District Latur, State Maharashtra
3.	Sections invoked	Section 137(2), 74, 78(2) r/w 3(5) OF B.N.S and Section 8 and 12 of POCSO Act.
4.	Maximum punishment prescribed	Imprisonment for 07 years.
B)	Custody and procedural compliance :	
1.	Date of Arrest	26.02.2026
2.	Total period of custody undergone	01 M 08 days.
C)	Status of trial :	
1.	State of proceeding	Investigation.
2.	Total number of witnesses cited in the charge-sheet.	N.A.

3.	Number of prosecution witnesses examined	N.A.
D) Criminal antecedents :		
1.	FIR and Police Station	N.A.
2.	Sections	N.A.
3.	Status	N.A.
E) Previous bail applications :		
1.	Court	N.A.
2.	Case number	N.A.
3.	Outcome of case	N.A.
F) Coercive processes :		
1.	Whether any non-bailable warrant was issued	N.A.
2.	Whether declared a proclaimed offender	N.A.

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(Passed on this 04.04.2026)

This bail application is filed by the applicant/accused, namely Bilal Khaled Qureshi, under Section 483 of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, in connection with Crime No.44/2026, registered at Police Station Deoni, District Latur, under Sections 137(2), 74, 78(2) r/w 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita and under Sections 8 & 12 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.

2) The applicant claimed that he is arrested along with other two accused in above said Crime No.44/2026 on 26.02.2026. The said crime was registered on the basis of report by informant that on 25.02.2026 at about 10.00 a.m. father of the victim taken her to appear for examination of 12th standard. However, victim did not come out from the school. Informant received call from mobile number 9730763959 that the said person calling her is taking victim with him. Informant immediately told her husband and they searched for the victim. She identified the phone caller as accused Kalim Shaikh. The accused on 19.08.2025 also tried to take away the victim and Udgir City Police located the victim and brought her back.

Accused Kalim Shaikh and his friend accused Ashfaq Shaikh used to chat her daughter on instagram. Therefore, she filed complaint in Deoni Police Station for commission of offence punishable under Section 137(2) r/w 3(5) of BNS. Police located all accused persons and arrested them on 26.02.2026. Thereafter remaining sections were added in the offence. Since 01.03.2026 accused are in judicial custody.

3) The applicant/accused claimed that he is totally innocent and his detention will be pre-trial punishment. Investigation is completed. There is no evidence of sexual harassment. Applicant/accused is working as a driver on private vehicle. Other accused taken his car on rent and on their instruction he was taking them to Aurangabad. He does not know accused and victim. There is no evidence of sexual assault. The accused is permanent resident of Udgir and only earning member of the family. He is ready to abide by any condition that may be imposed by the court.

4) The investigation officer and learned APP filed a reply at Exh.5. The victim has also filed her say at Exh.6. It is contended by prosecution that there is dispute between Hindu Muslim community due to the offence. Offence is serious and accused may threaten the informant. He may pressurize the witnesses and panchas. Victim is still under influence. Investigation may be hampered due to release of accused on bail. Hence, prayed for rejection.

5) The informant filed reply that there is threat to the life of victim and informant. Accused Kalim enticed the victim earlier and he was escaped from the clutches of law at that time. Applicant/accused enticed the victim to run away. Hence, prayed for rejection of application.

6) I heard learned advocate for the applicant/accused, learned APP and also gone through the case papers. Victim resides in Deoni Tahsil and is of age 17 years 06 months. There is mention of instagram chatting between the victim and accused Kalim & Ashfaq. All accused are residing in Udgir. Investigation is almost over. The offence punishable under Section 8 of the POCSO Act is having punishment upto 05 years while Section 12 of POCSO Act provides punishment for three years. Section 137(2) of BNS provides for punishment upto 07 years. Section 74 of BNS provides for punishment upto 05 years. Section 78 (2) of BNS provides for punishment upto 03 years. The statement of the victim shows prima facie love affair. Prima facie his role is only limited as a driver. As victim is residing in separate tahsil, condition of not to enter in the said tahsil will sufficiently protect the interest of the victim, informant and police. Considering the punishment provided for the offence and the age of victim and her statement it is proper to grant bail to the accused subject to conditions. Therefore, I proceed to pass the following order.

ORDER

- 1) The application (Exh.1) is allowed.
- 2) The applicant/accused Bilal Khaled Qureshi, be released on bail in connection with Crime No.44/2026, registered at Police Station Deoni, District-Latur, for the offences punishable under Section 74, 78(2), 137(2) r/w 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita(BNS) and under Section 8 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 on his furnishing Bail Bond of Rs.1,00,000/- with one or more solvent surety in the like amount on following conditions;
 - i) The applicant/accused shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence in any manner and shall not engage in any criminal activity or similar offences.
 - ii) The applicant/accused shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat, or promise to any person familiar with the facts of the case to dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Court and police.

iii) The applicant/accused is to provide a copy of proof of his residence along with the mobile number of the applicant and his two relatives.

iv) The applicant/accused shall not enter in the jurisdiction of Deoni Tahsil till completion of trial.

v) The applicant/accused to attend Udgir City Police Station on first Sunday of every month till conclusion of trial.

vi) As applicant/accused is in jail copy of this order be sent to District Jail, Latur by e-mail.

Dt.04.04.2026.

(D. B. Mhalatkar)
Additional Sessions Judge, Udgir.
