

MHOS180002212026 	<u>Cri.Bail.Appln No. 81/2026</u> Ranjit Arun Ghavane. - Vs - The State of Maharashtra
A) CASE DETAILS	
FIR Number & Date	0121/2026, Date -12.03.2026
Police Station, District & State	Police Station, Paranda, Dist. Osmanabad, State Maharashtra
Sections invoked	74, 75(i), 75(ii), 75(2), 115(2), 352, 351(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (for short B.N.S.).
Maximum punishment prescribed	i) <u>S. 74 of BNS</u> -01 year (which may extend to five years and fine). ii) <u>S. 75(i)(ii)(2) of BNS</u> - R.I.for 03 years, or with fine, or with both. iii) <u>S. 115(2) of BNS</u> -01 year, or with fine or with both. iv) <u>S. 352 of BNS</u> - 02 years or with fine or with both. v) <u>S. 351(2) of BNS</u> - 02 years or with fine or with both.
B) CUSTODY & PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE	
Date of arrest	12/03/2026
Total period of custody undergone	Till today -- 2 months and 23 days
C) STATUS OF TRIAL	
Stage of proceedings	Charge-sheet is filed on 1.5.2026 before JMFC Paranda.
Total number of witnesses cited in the charge-sheet	11
Number of prosecution witnesses examined	--

D) CRIMINAL ANTECEDENTS	
FIR No. & Police Station	
i) Crime No. 183/2019 under sections 363, 376, 354, 34 of IPC. of Paranda Police Station	
ii) Crime No. 60/2025, under section 74 and 75 of I.P.C. of Paranda Police Station.	
Status	--
E) PREVIOUS BAIL APPLICATIONS	
Court	Sessions Court Paranda
Case No.	CBA No.42/2026
Outcome of case	Rejected.
F) COERCIVE PROCESSES	
Whether any Non-Bailable Warrant was issued	No
Whether declared a proclaimed offender	No

ORDER BELOW EXH.1(Passed on 04.06.2026)

1] This is a successive application seeking regular bail moved by the present accused-applicant under Section 483 of Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (for short B.N.S.S.) 2023, in Crime No. 121/2026 registered with Paranda Police Station, Dist. Osmanabad for the offences punishable under Sections 74, 75(i), 75(ii), 75(2), 115(2), 352, 351(2), 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (for short B.N.S.).

2] Prosecution case set out against the accused-applicant is as follows:

The victim, resident of Lohara, Tq. Paranda, Dist. Dharashiv lodged complaint with Paranda Police Station alleging that on 11.03.2026 at about 7:00 p.m. after finishing meal and

doing household work, she went to answer nature's call in the grass field, at that time, accused-applicant Ranjit Arun Ghavane from their village suddenly came there and said to her, "Come with him." He pulled her hand and tried to hug her by coming very close to her. The accused-applicant also said to her if she raised hue and cry he will not leave her and torn her blouse. The accused-applicant gagged her mouth and pressed her breast in a way that made her feel ashamed. He also abused and beat her by fist and kick blows. The accused-applicant also threatened the victim that if she tell anyone, he will not leave her alive. Hearing noise the husband, brother-in-law and father-in-law of the victim came on the spot and rescued her from the clutches of the accused-applicant. At that time, when accused-applicant Ranjit Gavane tried to ran away, husband and brother-in-law of the victim caught him and brought him to the Paranda police station.

3] On the basis of the above said statement of victim FIR came to be registered for the offences referred above.

4] Accused-applicant was apprehended on 12.03.2026 and produced before Judicial Magistrate First Class, Paranda. J.M.F.C. Paranda remanded accused to police custody till 13.03.2026 and on 13.03.2026 accused is remanded to the Magisterial Custody and since then he is in the Magisterial Custody.

5] According to the applicant, he has not committed any offence and falsely implicated in this crime. Earlier on 05.01.2026 the mother of the accused-applicant has filed

complaint bearing N.C.R.No. 9/2026 against the husband of the victim. So, the victim has lodged this false complaint against accused-applicant. Accused-applicant is the sole earning member in his family and whole family is depending upon the earning of applicant. If he is not released on bail then the family member of the applicant will put on starvation. There are no grounds for custodial interrogation. Further custody of the applicant is not required as there is no question of any recovery. The investigation is almost complete. Applicant is permanent resident of village Lohara, Tq. Paranda, Dist. Dharashiv and having movable and immovable property, hence there is no any possibility that he will abscond. Under such circumstances it is necessary to grant regular bail to the applicant.

6] Prosecution has opposed the application by filing say at Exh.8 and 9. It is contended that the accusations are serious. Accused-applicant is a habitual offender as i) Crime No. 183/2019 under sections 363, 376, 354, 34 of IPC. and ii) Crime No. 60/2025, under section 74 and 75 of I.P.C. of Paranda Police Station have been registered against the accused. There is every possibility that the applicant will hamper the investigation which is in progress. Custodial interrogation of the applicant is thus necessary. If regular bail is granted to the applicant he will pressurize the victim and prosecution witnesses and will intimidate them. It is thus prayed that the application seeking regular bail be rejected.

7] The informant/victim also intervened and opposed the bail application by filing say at Exh.7 by reiterating the

accusations and much or less on the grounds on which the prosecution has opposed the bail, more particularly highlighting the criminal antecedents of the applicant and repeated involvement in alike offences.

8] Heard Mr. A.N.Chavan, learned advocate for the applicant, Mr. P.P. Gade, the learned A.P.P. for the State and Mr.S.H.Mogal learned advocate for the victim.

9] Admittedly, applicant was apprehended on 12.03.2026 and produced before Judicial Magistrate First Class, Paranda. J.M.F.C. Paranda remanded accused to police custody till 13.03.2026 and on 13.03.2026 accused is remanded to the Magisterial Custody and since then he is in the Magisterial Custody.

10] This is successive application seeking bail after filing of charge-sheet. No doubt first after filing of charge-sheet yet though opportunity for custodial interrogation is given but the applicant is having criminal antecedents more particularly history of indulging in alike offences. Earlier, he has faced the trial on the accusations of having committed the offences punishable under section 363, 376(3) r/w. 34 of I.P.C. and under section 4, 6, 8 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012. Since, the witnesses have not supported the case of the prosecution including the informant he was acquitted in the said offence. Further, one more case of similar accusations is pending against him for the offences punishable under section 74 and 75 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita in Crime No. arising out of Crime No.60/2025. It indicates that he is repeatedly indulged

in the offences of assault or criminal force with intent to outrage modesty, sexual harassment including unwelcome advances or sexual demands and offences of outraging modesty. The informant/victim is present in the Court. She has expressed apprehensions owing to the previous conduct of the applicant.

11] Though it is a regular bail an opportunity for custodial interrogation is already given however considering the strong criminal antecedents and history of repeated indulgence in alike offences at this stage it is not a fit case to grant bail. Though the charge-sheet has been filed the possibility of abusing the liberty owing to the previous conduct and history of involvement in alike offences cannot be ruled out and the apprehension expressed by the prosecution and victim is having force and substance.

12] The general principle that involvement in other offences is no ground to refuse bail cannot be applied in the present case since there are the instances of crimes against women's body and modesty and from perusal of the charge-sheet also prima-facie there appears sufficient evidence showing involvement of the applicant in the offence in question. Hence, I am not inclined to grant the bail simply because charge-sheet is filed, and accordingly proceed to pass the following order.

ORDER

1. Criminal Bail Application No. 81/2026 seeking regular bail, is hereby rejected.

Date :- 04.06.2026.

(Dr. F.A.M. Khwaja)
Additional Sessions Judge,
Paranda.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I affirm that the contents of this PDF file Order/Judgment are same word to word as per the original Order/Judgment.

Name of Stenographer	S.B.Ghodke (Grade-I)
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