



Cri. Bail Appl. No. 951/2026
(CNR No. : MHPU01-002281-2026)

Sachin Chavan
Vs.
State of Maharashtra

ORDER BELOW EXH. 1

1. This is an application for regular bail filed by the applicant/accused **Sachin Santosh Chavan** under Section **483** of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 in connection with Crime No. **38/2026**, registered with Police Station, Sahkarnagar, Pune for the offence punishable under Sections 137(2), 64(2)(i), 64(2)(m), 65(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (In short referred to as “*BNS*”), Sections 4, 8, 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (In short referred to as “*POCSO*”) and Section 9 of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act.

2. The prosecution has filed say and opposed this bail application. The victim filed say on record and given no objection to release the accused.

3. Heard learned advocate for the applicant/accused and Spl.PP. for the State. Perused application, say filed by the Prosecution and police papers.

4. It is argued by the learned advocate for the applicant/accused that father of victim has lodged missing complaint on 31/01/2026 that one unknown person has kidnapped her daughter. Thereafter during investigation accused was arrested on 06/02/2026. Victim is 13 years, 3 months old. There was love

relationship between them. They have got married. At the time of arrest they were residing together. Victim has voluntarily left her house and joined company of accused. Victim has understanding age. Since 18/01/2026 to 06/02/2026 she has resided with accused and during that period she has not raised any grievance against the accused. Most of the investigation is completed. He is ready to abide terms and conditions of the Court and hence prayed for grant of bail.

5. The learned Spl.PP. has submitted that offence is serious. Accused has kidnapped the minor victim girl and within a month he married with her. Accused has committed sexual relation against her wish. Victim has refused for medical check up. Investigation is in progress. There is every possibility of tampering and hampering of prosecution witnesses. Therefore, accused should not be released on bail.

6. It seems that accused is in jail since 06/02/2026. Most of the investigation is completed and charge-sheet is likely to be filed. Victim has filed her say on record and has given no objection to release the accused on bail. There is huge pendency of cases in this Court. Trial will take its own time. No purpose will be served by keeping the applicant behind bar. The applicant can be released by imposing stringent conditions. Therefore, I am of the view to release the applicant on bail by imposing certain terms and conditions. Accordingly, I pass the following order.

ORDER

1. The application (Exh.1) is allowed.

2. The applicant/accused **Sachin Santosh Chavan** shall be released on regular bail upon furnishing P.R. bond in the sum of **Rs.50,000/-** with surety in the like amount, on following conditions :
- [i] The applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence in any manner. He shall not pressurize the victim, informant and family members and witnesses and shall not indulge in any offence.
 - [ii] The applicant shall not contact with the victim and family members, in any manner.
 - [iii] The applicant shall submit his address proof and phone details as well as phone details of two close relatives to Investigating Officer.
 - [iv] The applicant shall not leave Maharashtra without prior permission of the Investigating Officer.
 - [v] Violation of any of the conditions imposed, shall amount the cancellation of bail forthwith.
3. The bail application is accordingly disposed of.

Pune.
Date : 27/03/2026.

[Kavita D. Shirbhate]
Special Judge (under POCSO Act) &
Additional Sessions Judge, Pune

