

MHPU010067792026

Criminal Bail Application No.
3120/2026Naresh Tadaknath Saroj Vs State of
Maharashtra (Kothrud Police Station)**A. CASE DETAILS**

1. FIR Number and Date 196/2026
dated 11/06/2026.
2. Police Station, District and State Kothrud Police Station,
Pune.
3. Sections invoked u/s. 26(2)(i), 26(2)(iv),
27(3)(e), 30(2)(a), 3(l)
(zz)(iv) of Food Safety
and Standards Act, 2006
and 123, 223, 274, 275 of
Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita.
4. Maximum punishment prescribed 10 years.

B. CUSTODY AND PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE

- 1 Date of arrest 11/06/2026
- 2 Total period of custody undergone Till date.

C. STATUS OF TRIAL

1. Stage of proceedings N.A.
(investigation/chargesheet/cognizance/
framing of charge/trial)
2. Total No of witnesses cited in the Chargesheet not
chargesheet filed
3. Number of prosecution witness NA
examined

D. CRIMINAL ANTECEDENTS

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| 1 | FIR No. and Police Station | NA |
| 2 | Sections | NA |
| 3 | Status (pending/acquitted convicted) | NA. |

E. PREVIOUS BAIL APPLICATIONS

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| 1 | Court | NA |
| 2 | Case No. | NA |
| 3 | Outcomes of Case | NA |

F. COERCIVE PROCESSES

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| 1 | Whether any non-bailable warrant was issued | NA |
| 2 | Whether declared a proclaimed offender | NA |

Appearance:- Ld. Advocate Mr. Vivek Vijay Shinde, for
applicant/Accused.
Mr. Varma Ld. APP for State

ORDER BELOW EXH. 01**(Date :- 01/07/2026)**

By this application, applicant **Naresh Tadaknath Saroj** has applied for bail under section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in connection with C.R. No. 196/2026 registered with Kothrud Police Station for offences punishable under Sections 123, 223, 274, 275 of Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita and 26(2)(i), 26(2)(iv), 27(3)(e), 30(2)(a), 3(l)(zz)(iv) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

2] The investigating agency, through the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, has filed a reply opposing the bail application.

3] Learned counsel for the applicant submits that following the arrest, the applicant was interrogated by the police and has remained in judicial custody since 14.06.2026. It is further submitted that, so far as the applicant is concerned, nothing further remains to be investigated in the said crime, and he is ready and willing to cooperate with the investigating agency in all respects. In light of the above, learned counsel urges this Court to grant bail to the applicant.

4] *Per contra*, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State vehemently opposed the bail application. He submits that the offence is serious in nature and the investigation is still ongoing. If the applicant is enlarged on bail, there exists every possibility of his tampering with the prosecution evidence or interfering with the investigation. In view of the above, the learned APP urged this Court to reject the bail application.

5] Perused the application, allegations in the FIR, grounds raised in the bail petition, and say filed by the investigating agency. Heard both sides.

6] On perusal of the First Information Report, it reveals that on 10.06.2026, upon secret information, the informant, a

Food Safety Officer, along with panch witnesses and police party conducted a raid at M/s. Manavi Pan General Stores, in front of Annasaheb Patil School, Shastri Nagar, Kothrud, Pune 411038 and found that the vendor had stored for sale prohibited substances, viz. Vimal Pan Masala (King Pack), Vimal Pan Masala (Jambo Pack), Tulsi- Royal Zafrani Tobacco, Vimal Pan Masala, Vimal Pan Masala (Big Pack), V. N. Tobacco (King pack), V. N. Tobacco, V. N. Tobacco (big pack) and M Gold Tobacco collectively valued at Rs.1,617/-.

7] It is further alleged that the vendor neither disclosed the source of his procurement of the aforesaid prohibited pan masala nor produced Invoices thereof. It is further stated that the raiding party has collected representative samples of all the seized prohibited articles and forwarded them to Chemical Analyser.

8] Perusal of the record reveals that the applicant was arrested on 10.06.2026 itself and, upon being produced before the learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, was remanded to police custody. Since 14.06.2026, he has been in judicial custody. The record further reveals that investigation *qua* the present applicant stands completed and his further custodial interrogation in the said crime is not required. The applicant is resident of Shastri Nagar, Kothrud, Pune, and has clear antecedents. There is no likelihood of his fleeing from justice. The offence under Section 123 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita,

2023 is punishable with imprisonment up to 10 years, while the remaining offences are punishable with imprisonment of less than 7 years.

9] For the forgoing reasons, it would not be proper to keep the applicant behind bars for an indefinite period. The investigation and trial will take their own course. However, keeping in mind the nature of the allegations, the punishment prescribed for the said offences, and the stage of investigation, I deem it fit to enlarge the applicant on bail on certain terms and conditions. Hence, following order:-

ORDER

1. Application (Exh.1) stands allowed.
2. Applicant **Naresh Tadakanath Saroj**, shall be released on bail upon executing a Personal Recognizance Bond and furnishing Surety Bond in the sum of Rs. 25,000/-, in Crime No. 196/2026 registered with Kothrud Police Station, Pune for offences punishable under Sections 123, 223, 274 and 275 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Sections 26(2)(i), 26 (2) (iv), 27(3) (e), 30(2)(a), 3(1)(zz)(iv) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, on the following conditions:

[i] The applicant shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the present case so as to

dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.

[ii] The applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence in any manner.

[iii] The applicant shall make himself available as and when called by the investigation officer and attend each and every date of the hearing of the court proceedings before the Court concern.

[iv] The applicant shall not indulge into any other crime.

3. Intimate to the concerned police station, Jail Authority and informant.

4. Bail before Concern Court.

5. Humdast if applied, is allowed.

6. Case diary is returned to Ld. APP.

(Dictated and pronounced in open court)

Date: 01/07/2026

(S. B. Bhansali)
Additional Sessions Judge,
Pune.

Certificate

I affirm that the contents of this P.D.F. file order are same word for word as per original order.

Name of Steno. :- V. A. Chaudhari (Steno, Grade-I)

Court Name :- S. B. Bhansali
D.J.-4th & Addl. Sessions Judge, Pune.

Date :- 01.07.2026

order signed by P.O. on :- 01.07.2026

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