

IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE, KHED-RAJGURUNGAR,  
PUNE

Order below Exh.1

In

Cri. Bail Application No. 261 of 2026  
(CNR. No. MHPU21-000601-2026)

Prashant Manik Paygude

... Accused/Applicant

Versus

State of Maharashtra  
Through North Mahalunge MIDC police station

... Complainant

**Appearances:**

Ld. APP Shri. S. S. Wagh for State.

Ld. Adv. Shri. N. B. Andhale for applicant/accused

JUDGE : SHRI A.S. SAYYAD  
Addl. Sessions Judge,  
Khed-Rajgurunagar, Pune.

DATE : JUNE 16, 2026

**(DICTATED AND PRONOUNCED IN OPEN COURT)**

**:ORDER:**

Apprehending the arrest in connection with C. R. No. 476 of 2026 registered with North Mahalunge MIDC police station, for the offences punishable U/S. 318(4), 287, 288 r/w. 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (in short 'B.N.S.'), u/s. 3, 7 of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (in short 'EC Act') and u/s. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 of Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980 (in short 'PBMMSEC Act'), of the applicant preferred the present application u/s. 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (in short 'B.N.S.S.').

2. Perused the application and reply of prosecution thereof. Heard both the sides at length of considerable time.

3. **Background facts** -

The informant Mangesh Devram Kadam lodged an FIR with North Mahalunge MIDC police station, alleging therein that incident in question took place on 02/06/2026. According to informant, co-accused Niren Jiten Kaman was allegedly doing business for the present applicant in respect of illegal selling of Gas Cylinders. The present applicant is shop owner who allegedly doing the aforesaid business through co-accused Kaman. The co-accused caught red handed with multiple gas cylinders which was explosive and harmful for public safety. Hence, this report.

4. The prosecution strongly opposed to this application vide reply Exh. 07 inter-alia contending that, applicant and his associate involved in illegal business. In case the applicant is granted anticipatory bail probability of committing similar offence may not be ruled out. Hence, prayed for rejection of the application.

5. Having heard both the sides at the length of considerable time. I have also heard investigating officer at length. I have carefully gone through application, reply and the documents submitted therewith. Role attributed to the present applicant is that, he is a shop owner and the co-accused doing illegal business of selling gas cylinders for the present applicant. Co-accused was arrested and later on granted bail by the Ld. Trial Court. Investigation appears to be almost completed and explosive substance already have been taken into custody. There no appears recovery or discovery at the instance of present applicant. No criminal antecedents of the present applicant appears except the instant one. Applicant undertakes to abide any condition imposed by the Court. Investigating officer not appears to be strongly claimed custodial

interrogation of the applicant. In such circumstances, the investigation can be conducted without custodial interrogation of the applicant as well. Chargesheet yet to be submitted and trial is not possible to conclude in near future. No purpose would be served without considering the present application.

6. Considering the nature and gravity of the offence, facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is of the considered opinion that, no prejudice would be caused to prosecution if the application is considered subject to certain conditions. However, it is made clear that whatever observations herein above made are only for the purpose of consideration of bail. Hence, the following order :

**ORDER**

1. Application is allowed.
2. In the event of arrest ***Applicant Prashant Manik Paygude*** shall be released on bail on executing P. R. Bond in the sum of ***Rs. 25,000/-*** surety in the like amount in connection with CR No. 476 of 2026, registered with North Mahalunge MIDC police station, for the offences punishable under sections 318(4), 287, 288 r/w. 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, u/s. 3, 7 of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and u/s. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 of Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980.
3. The applicant shall not misuse liberty in any manner.
4. Applicant/accused shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement and/or influence and or pressurize or cause any threat or give any promise to anybody acquainted with the facts of accusations made against the applicant so as to dissuade such person from disclosing such facts to the court or to the investigating agency and shall not tamper in any manner whatsoever with the prosecution evidence whatsoever.

5. The applicant shall present before investigating officer as and when required.
6. In the event any of the condition herein being violated, the prosecution would be at liberty to seek for cancellation of bail.
7. The bail application is disposed off, accordingly.

Khed.  
Date : 16/06/2026

**(A. S. Sayyad)**  
Additional Sessions Judge,  
Khed-Rajgurunagar, Pune.

**CERTIFICATE**

I affirm that the contents of the PDF file Judgment are same word for word as per original Judgment.

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| Name of Steno         | A. S. Shivapurkar<br>Stenographer Grade I                                                           |
| Name of Court         | Shri. A. S. Sayyad<br>District Judge 1 and<br>Additional Sessions Judge,<br>Khed-Rajgurunagar, Pune |
| Date of Order         | 16/06/2026                                                                                          |
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