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**IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE PANVEL**  
**ORDER BELOW EXHIBIT NO. 1**  
**IN CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO.124/2026**  
**(DATED 10/03/2026)**

Applicant Shridhar Babu Ghadge has filed present application for regular bail u/sec.483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in Crime No.576/2025 registered with Panvel City police station for the offences punishable under sections 310(2), 126(2), 140(3), 205, and 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. In short the prosecution case is that, on 26/09/2025 informant Viraj Vijay Shirkande alongwith co-accused Ketan Suravase and his associates Sagar and Shubham were proceeding from Mumbai Zaveri Bazar to Karanjade, Panvel in Breeza car bearing registration No.MH46/CE-8115. At about 11.15 p.m. they reached near Karanjade railway gate. At that time present applicant and co-accused wearing khaki coloured uniform of police came in chocolaty coloured Ertiga car. They impersonated themselves as police and intercepted the car of informant. They opened the door of the car of informant and forcibly took him and his associates out of the car. They thereafter inflicted blows of fiber sticks on the person of informant and co-accused Ketan. Thereafter they kept gold, cash amount and mobile bags and mobile phone of co-accused Ketan in Breeza car and made informant and his associates to sit in Ertiga car. They took them along Atal Setu road. While informant and his associates sitting in

car, the applicant and co-accused beat and extended threats of dire consequences to informant. They also took away mobile, cash and watch from the possession of informant and his associates. Further it is the case of prosecution that applicant and co-accused took the car along Karanjade college road to isolated place and thereafter they stole bag, cash amount, gold and mobile phone. The informant thereafter set the criminal law into motion by lodging detailed report at Panvel City Police station. On the basis of report so lodged by informant an offence came to be registered against applicant and co-accused vide C.R.No. 576/2025 at Panvel City police under above mentioned sections.

3. Heard Ld. Adv. Smt.Mansi Mhatre for the applicant and Ld. APP Shri Y.S.Bhopi for the opponent State. Perused application, say filed by opponent State vide Exh.4 and other documents placed on record.

4. Smt.Mhatre vehemently argued that the applicant is innocent. He has been falsely implicated in the crime in question. FIR is against unknown persons. There is no evidence to show that applicant was involved in the crime in question. Smt. Mhatre further submitted that investigation is complete and charge-sheet has been filed against the applicant and co-accused. The applicant is behind bars since 01/10/2025. Nothing is remained to be recovered at the instance of applicant. He is ready to abide by the terms and conditions which may be imposed by the Court. Considering aforesaid circumstances, his further detention in jail is not required. Hence, Smt. Mhatre prayed that applicant be enlarged on regular bail.

5. Per contra, Shri Bhopi, the Ld.APP submitted that the applicant is one of the prime accused. He has played an active role

in the commission of crime in question. The applicant is habitual offender. He has been identified by informant in test identification parade. An amount to the tune of Rs.2,04,00,000/- out of total stolen amount to the tune of Rs.3,03,00,000/- came to be recovered at the instance of the applicant. Considering aforesaid circumstances and allegations leveled against applicant, if he is released on bail, definitely he will bring pressure on material witnesses. The possibility of his jumping the bail also cannot be ruled out. Hence, Shri Bhopi prayed that the application be rejected.

6. I have given thoughtful consideration to the submissions advanced by both the Ld. Advocates. I have also gone through the material placed on record. It is pertinent to note that an amount to the tune of Rs.2,04,00,000/- came to be recovered from the possession of the applicant. Further more the investigation is complete and charge-sheet has been filed in the Court. The applicant is languishing in jail since 01/10/2025. Considering aforesaid aspects, further detention of applicant in jail is not warranted. So far as the apprehension raised by Ld. APP is concerned, it can be taken care by imposing certain conditions upon applicant. Resultantly, I pass the following order.

### ORDER

1. The application is allowed.
2. The applicant Shridhar Bapu Ghadge shall be released on bail in Crime No.576/2025 registered with Panvel City police station for the offences punishable under sections 310(2), 126(2), 140(3), 205 and 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 on his executing PR Bond in the sum of Rs.1,50,000/- with two solvent sureties of Rs.75,000/- each.

3. Applicant shall attend each and every date of hearing without fail and make himself available as and when required by the investigating officer.
4. Applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat and promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or any police officer.
5. Bail before Ld. Lower Court.
6. Copy of this order be sent to concerned jail authority by E-mail.

Panvel  
Date :- 10/03/2026

( S. R. Ugale )  
Additional Sessions Judge,  
Panvel.

**CERTIFICATE**

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

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