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**IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE
AT PANVEL, DISTRICT- RAIGAD**

Criminal Bail Application No. 190/2026

Santosh Vitthal Marade

---Applicant

Vs.

State of Maharashtra

--- Opponent

Appearance-

Ld. advocate Shri. Arun E. Mokal for applicant.

Ld. Addl. P P Shri. Rajendra Yerunkar for State.

ORDER BELOW EXH. 1

1. This is an application filed by applicant **Santosh Vitthal Marade** under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (in short "BNSS") for grant of bail.
2. I.O. has filed say to this application at Exh.4 and thereby strongly opposed the application.
3. Perused application, say thereon and documents produced on the record. Heard both sides.
4. Ld. Advocate for applicant submitted that, the applicant has been falsely implicated in the case. The allegations are false. There is no material to connect the applicant to the alleged crime. There is no criminal antecedent. Co-

accused are on bail. Investigation is completed. Charge-sheet has been filed. If applicant is released on bail he will not abscond. Applicant is ready to obey any conditions to be imposed by the Court.

5. Ld. Addl. P. P. Shri. Rajendra Yerunkar submitted that, offence is of serious nature. The applicant was involved in the commission of the crime since beginning. Kotak Mahindra bank account of fake Gelaram was operated by the present applicant. If applicant is released on bail he will destroy the evidence and will pressurize the prosecution witnesses. Hence, prosecution prayed for rejection of bail.
6. On perusal of FIR it appears that the informant Manish Chandrakant Joshi is a Circle Officer, Jasai, Tal.Uran, District-Raigad. The Vindhane Saja comes under his jurisdiction. The property bearing survey No. 1/17, 2/19, 1/20, 3/1, 20/8, 32/2, 33/2, 33/3, 33/4, 35/5, 36/6, 33/7, 33/8, 40/2, 40/3, 40/1, 44/2, 51/1, 20/9 situated at Mauje Harichandra Pimpale and Survey No.160/3 situated at Mauje Vindhane were standing in the name of Deputy Custodian Evacuee Property. Some portions of the said property were acquired for Virar-Alibag Corridor Project. However, on 09/10/2020 Shri. Gelaram Bhuromal made an application to Tahsildar Uran for entering his name to 7x12 extract of said properties and he contended that the said properties were allotted to him

by allotment letter dated 25/04/1985 by State of Maharashtra. Therefore, name of the Gelaram Bhuromal were entered to the aforesaid properties vide mutation entry No.1555. While acquisition proceeding for Virar-Alibag Multipurpose Road Project were going on, another Shri. Gelaram Bhuromal filed an application to Deputy Collector Land Acquisition, Raigad that name of the Gelaram Bhuromal appearing on 7x12 extract is a false and fictitious person. Therefore, the inquiry was done through Navha-Sheva police station. In the said inquiry it is found that on the basis of false allotment letter Gelaram Bhuromal appearing on 7x12 extract got entered his name to the aforesaid properties and some of the properties were sold to Haresh Hemani and Hardik Katariya and obtained Rs.1,36,63,700/- as a sale consideration. It is further revealed that another Gelaram Bhuromal who made application to Deputy Collector is also false and fictitious persons. Hence, both Gelaram Bhuromal appearing on 7x12 extract and Gelaram Bhuromal applied to Deputy Collector are false and fictitious. They both are claiming right over the aforesaid properties.

7. 1. Beni Brayen Disoza (whose name was appearing as a Gelaram Bhuromal on 7x12 extract), 2. Rajesh Navik, 3. Sanket Patil, 4. Amar Misal, 5. Santosh Marade, 6. second fictitious Gelaram Bhuromal (who applied to Deputy

Collector) and others conspired together and made false allotment letter and other documents. Thereafter, they sold some of the property to Haresh Hemani and Hardik Katariya for consideration Rs. 1,36,63,700/- by deceiving the Government of Maharashtra. Therefore, informant lodged report to Navha-Sheva Police Station C.R.No. 146/2024 dated 20/09/2024 for the offences punishable under Sections 120-B, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 474 of the IPC.

8. The applicant is in custody since 08/03/2025. Investigation is completed. Charge-sheet has been filed. Co-accused are on bail. The charge-sheet runs into number of pages. Trial of the case will take long time. If the applicant is kept in jail for indefinite period it will not serve the purpose of justice. Prosecution has expressed that there is possibility of influencing of prosecution witnesses. However, it is can be safeguarded by imposing certain conditions upon the applicant. Hence, I am inclined to grant bail to the applicant. As a result, I pass following order.

:: ORDER ::

1. Application is allowed.
2. Applicant **Santosh Vitthal Marade** be released on furnishing P.B. and S.B. of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lac Only) with one or two surety in like amount in C.R.No.

146/2024 registered at Navha-Sheva Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 120-B, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 474 of the IPC.

3. Applicant shall not leave India without previous permission of the Court.
4. Applicant shall not directly and indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with facts and circumstances of case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the police and Court.
5. Applicant shall furnish his permanent and temporary residential proof, valid e-mail ID and mobile number.
6. Applicant shall attend the concerned police station once in a month on every 3rd Monday from 10.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m. till conclusion of trial.
7. Applicant shall assist to Investigating Officer whenever called for further investigation.
8. Bail before Ld. Magistrate.
9. Inform the concerned police station and jail authority, accordingly.

Panvel,
Dated :- 12/03/2026

(S. R. Chavan)
Addl. Sessions Judge
Panvel, Dist.-Raigad