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IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE,
PANVEL-RAIGAD
ORDER BELOW EXHIBIT 1 IN BAIL APPLICATION NO.242/2026
(Dated 25/03/2026)

The applicant Sagar Ravi Joseph has filed present application for regular bail U/Sec.483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 in Crime No.112/2026 registered with Panvel City police station for the offences punishable under sections 8(c) and 20(b)(ii) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (here-in-after referred to as the “NDPS Act”).

2. In short the prosecution case is that, on 15/02/2026 at about 01.20 a.m. the informant Police Hawaldar Sandesh Sadashiv Mhatre and other members of raiding team apprehended the applicant and co-accused Ganesh Ravi Joseph after receiving secret information that they were selling Ganja in the vicinity of Sai Baba Temple situated on Panvel railway station road. The raiding team found 4.396 Kgs Ganja in the possession of applicant and co-accused. All the necessary formalities as envisaged under NDPS Act were completed and thereafter informant lodged detailed report with 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. 112/2026 under above mentioned sections.

3. Heard Ld. Advocate Shri. A.G. Khillare for the applicant and Ld. Spl. PP Shri Y.S.Bhopi for the opponent State. Perused application, say filed by opponent state at Exh.5 and other documents placed on record.

4. Shri.Khillare, the Ld. Advocate for applicant argued that the applicant is innocent. He has no nexus with the crime in question. Shri. Khillare further submitted that the contraband allegedly recovered from the possession of applicant and co-accused is much less than commercial quantity. The investigation is practically completed. Nothing is remained to be recovered at the instance of applicant. The applicant is languishing in jail since 15/02/2026. Considering aforesaid circumstances further detention of the applicant in jail is not required. The applicant is ready to abide by the terms and conditions which may be imposed by the Court. Hence, Shri. Khillare prayed that applicant be enlarged on bail.

5. Per contra, Shri Bhopi, the Ld. Special PP argued that the offence is serious and antisocial. The applicant and co-accused were found in possession of 4 kg 396 gms Ganja. The investigation is underway. The applicant has antecedents. Considering aforesaid circumstances and allegations leveled against applicant, if he is released on bail, definitely he will

indulge again in similar kind of offence. Hence, Shri. Bhopi prayed that the application be rejected.

6. I have carefully heard submissions advanced by both the Ld. Advocates. I have also gone through the material placed on record. On perusal of papers it seems that, recovery of 4 Kg 396 gms Ganja was effected from the applicant and co-accused. The said quantity is much less than commercial quantity. Therefore, the rigors of section 37 of the NDPS Act would not be attracted to the present case. The applicant is languishing in jail since 15/02/2026. Substantial part of the investigation must have completed. It is well settled that bail cannot be refused to accused only on the ground that he has antecedents. Considering aforesaid aspects, in my view, further detention of applicant in jail is not warranted. So far as the apprehension raised by Ld.Spl PP is concerned, it can be taken care by imposing certain conditions upon the applicant. Resultantly, I pass the following order.

ORDER

1. The application is allowed.
2. The applicant Sagar Ravi Joseph shall be released on bail in Crime No.112/2026 registered with Panvel City police station on his executing PR Bond in the sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety in the like amount.

3. The applicant shall attend Panvel City police station on **every Wednesday between 12.00 noon and 02.00 p.m.** till the filing of charge-sheet and shall make himself available for investigation as and when required by the investigating officer.
4. The 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. Copy of order be sent to jail authority by E-mail.

Panvel
Date :-25/03/2026

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

CERTIFICATE

I affirm that, the contents of this P.D.F file judgment/ order are same, word to word, as per the original Judgment.

Name of Stenographer : S.J Sheth Steno(Grade-1)
Name of Court : District Court-1 & Additional
Sessions Court, Panvel
Date of Dictation (direct) : 25/03/2026
Order signed by the PO on : 25/03/2026
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