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

Criminal Bail Application No. 206/2026

Vijay Sunil Bodake

---Applicant

Vs.

State of Maharashtra

--- Opponent

Appearance-

Ld. advocate Shri. R.R.Patil for applicant.

Ld. Addl. P P Shri. Y.S. Bhopi for State.

ORDER BELOW EXH. 1

1. This is an application filed by applicant **Vijay Sunil Bodake** under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (in short "BNSS") for bail.
2. I.O. has filed say to this application at Exh.5 and strongly opposed the bail application.
3. Perused application, say thereon and documents produced on the record. Heard both sides.

4. Ld. Advocate for applicant submitted that, the applicant is falsely implicated in the present crime. There is no prima facie evidence against the applicant. There is no caste based abused. Applicant has no criminal antecedent. Applicant is sole bread winner of his family. Custodial interrogation of the present applicant is not required. The applicant is ready to abide any condition to be imposed by the Court. He is ready to co-operate the investigating agency.
5. Ld. Addl. P. P. Shri. Y.S. Bhopi submitted that offence is of serious nature. If applicant is released on bail he will pressurize the prosecution witnesses and possibility of repetition of similar nature of offence. Therefore, prayed to reject the application.
6. On perusal of FIR it appears that informant Sushil Devram Jadhav is Executive President of Bahujan Youth Panther Maharashtra Region. It is alleged that applicant made derogative statement against Constitution of India and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar on social media platform Instagram. The said statement amounts to insulting Bauddh Community and affecting feeling. The said statement also promotes enmity between two groups of society. Therefore, the informant lodged report to Karjat Police Station C.R.No. 110/2026 for the offence punishable under Section 299 of the BNS and Section

3(1)(u), 3(1)(v) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

7. The applicant was arrested on 02/03/2026 and he has been remanded to judicial custody on 05/03/2026. The offence under Section 299 of the BNS is punishable with imprisonment three years and offence under Section 3(1)(u), 3(1)(v) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 is punishable with imprisonment five years. Now, nothing is required to be recovered at the instance of the present applicant. The applicant is in custody since 02/03/2026. His further detention would not serve the purpose of justice. Under these peculiar circumstances, bail can be granted by imposing certain stringent conditions. As a result, I pass following order.

:: ORDER ::

1. Application (Exh.1) is allowed.
2. Applicant - **Vijay Sunil Bodake** be released on furnishing P.B. and S.B. of Rs.60,000/- (Rupees Sixty Thousand Only) with one or two surety in like amount in Section 299 of the BNS and Section 3(1)(u), 3(1)(v) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.
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 in future, shall not commit offence of similar nature.
7. Applicant shall attend the concerned police station on every Sunday in between 10.00 AM to 12.00 PM till filing of charge-sheet.
8. Inform the concerned police station and jail authority.

Panvel,
Dated :- 16/03/2026

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