



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

SPECIAL CASE NO.62/2025

The State of Maharashtra

--- Prosecution

Vs.

Tejas Machel Jadhav

--- Accused

Corum - Santosh C. Shinde

Date – 31st January 2026

Appearance-

Ld. advocate Mr. S. V. Sorte for the accused

Ld. Spl. P. P. Smt. Thalkar for the State of Maharashtra.

Order below exh.4

1. Heard Ld. advocate Mr. S. V. Sorte for the accused & Ld. Spl. P. P Smt. Thalkar for the State.
2. Notice was issued to State of Maharashtra & victim. Say is filed overleaf the application and application is strongly objected.
3. Perused charge-sheet.
4. FIR is registered by mother of victim. Accused is son of brother-in-law of informant. He was residing with family of informant. Victim was studying in 12th standard. In the morning at about 6.30 AM, victim used to go to college. On

15th January 2025, victim had gone to college but did not return and her mobile phone was switched off therefore, informant informed this fact to her husband. Then husband of informant told his brother-in-law to make a call to victim and when he made phone call to victim, she told that she has gone to her friend's house at Govandi and for two days, she intends to reside there. Therefore, informant had made a phone call on phone of victim's friend and on call, that friend informed that victim is with her and after two days she will return. Then she cut off the call and did not pick up call of informant when informant tried to call her again. Informant had suspicion that accused has kidnapped victim therefore, FIR was registered against unknown person for kidnapping.

5. Ld. advocate for accused submitted that victim for last five years had in relationship with accused. When incident occurred, she was not minor. She had gone with accused with her own consent. Accused has enough proof of photographs, letters and messages about their relationship. If released on bail, accused will not threaten the witnesses. His further custody is not required.
6. Ld. Spl. P. P submitted that offence is serious in nature. If accused is released on bail, he may tamper the evidence & threaten the witnesses.
7. FIR discloses that victim is daughter of informant. On 15th January 2025, victim had gone to college but did not return. Informant had suspicion that accused has kidnapped victim

therefore, FIR was registered for offence of kidnapping. During investigation, it is revealed that accused & victim had gone at Ahmednagar where they stayed in one lodge. It is alleged that on that lodge, accused committed forceful penetrative sexual assault.

8. Victim in her statement has stated that on that day she had made call to accused and as per say of accused both had gone at Ahmednagar. When incident occurred, victim was 17 years old which shows that she has sufficient understanding.
9. Accused was arrested on 18th February 2025 and since then he is behind bars. Now, charge-sheet is filed. No recovery or discovery is pending. Bail is rule and jail is exception. Bail cannot be withheld as punishment. It will take time to commence & conclude the trial. It will amount to pre-trial conviction if accused is kept behind bars for indefinite period therefore, accused can be released on bail by imposing certain conditions. As a result, I pass the following order.

ORDER

1. Application is allowed.
2. Accused Tejas Machel Jadhav be released on bail on furnishing P.B. & S.B. of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand) with one or two sureties in like amount in crime No19/2025 registered at Kharghar Police Station, Navi Mumbai for offences punishable u/s.64, 137(2) of the BNS & u/s.4, 8 & 12 of the POCSO Act, if he is not required in any other offence.

3. Accused by any mode of communication shall not contact to victim and he shall not enter the area where victim & her family members ordinarily resides or works for gain.
4. Accused shall attend the trial regularly.
5. Accused shall not leave India without previous permission of the Court.
6. Accused shall not directly & indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with facts and circumstances of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts from the police & the Court.
7. Accused shall furnish his temporary & permanent residential proof, valid E-mail ID and mobile number.
8. Breach of any condition shall be ground for cancellation of bail.
9. Registry is directed to inform accused about this order on e-mail.

(Application is disposed of accordingly)

Panvel
Date - 31/01/2026

Sd/-
(Mr. S. C. Shinde)
Special Judge, Panvel
Dist.-Raigad