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

Criminal Bail Application No. 441/2026

Rutik Ravindra Pagare

---Applicant

Vs.

State of Maharashtra

--- Opponent

Appearance-

Ld. advocate Shri. Ankit Bangera for applicant.

Ld. Addl. P P Shri. A. R. Kadam for State.

ORDER BELOW EXH. 1

1. This is an application filed by applicant **Rutik Ravindra Pagare** 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.6 and thereby strongly opposed the application.
3. Perused application, say thereon and documents produced on the record. Heard both sides.

4. Applicant was arrested on 26/04/2026 in connection with Kalamboli Police Station C.R.No.127/2026 for the offences punishable under Section 326(g) of the BNS.
5. Ld. Advocate for applicant submitted that, the applicant is innocent person and has not committed any offence. He is falsely implicated in the alleged offence with ulterior motive. Almost investigation is completed. No purpose would be served by keeping the applicant behind bars. The applicant has been arrested on 26/04/2026. The applicant is ready to obey any condition to be imposed by the Court. Ld. Advocate for the applicant has relied upon the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court, **Prabhakar Tewari Vs. State of Uttar Pradesh, 2020 DGLS(SC) 79,** wherein it has been held that, "*The offence alleged no doubt is grave and serious and there are several criminal cases pending against the accused. These factors by themselves cannot be the basis for refusal of prayer for bail.*"
6. Ld. Addl.PP. submitted that offence is of serious nature. Applicant is habitual criminal. Despite externment order there is no development in the behavior of the applicant. If the applicant is released on bail, he would pressurize the prosecution witnesses. Hence, prosecution prayed for rejection of bail.
8. Perused FIR and documents placed on record. It appears that, informant Ravish Shetty is working as a Manager of

Dwarka Hotel & Restaurant Bar, Mahavir Plaza, Shop No.4, 5, 6, Sector-5, Kalamboli. Vijitasva Shetty is the owner of said restaurant. On 26/04/2026 at about 00.20 hours applicant Rutik Pagare came in the hotel for purchasing wine bottle. Informant knows the applicant, because the applicant used to come to the said hotel frequently. At cash counter applicant quarreled with another customer. At that time, informant pacified him. However, the applicant became angry. He purchased one wine bottle and water bottle. Thereafter he left from there. Thereafter at about 3.00 hours informant came to know that hotel was caught in fire. Thereafter the fire was extinguished. When CCTV installed on gate was checked, it was seen that at about 2.41 hours applicant poured some liquid from plastic bottle on shutter and set fire to the hotel. Thereafter he ran away from there. Therefore informant lodged report with Kalamboli Police Station vide C.R. No.127/2026 for the offence punishable under Section 326(g) of the BNS.

9. The identity of the applicant is established in CCTV Footage of the spot of the incident. The applicant set fire to the restaurant and thereafter ran away. The offence is of serious nature. He has antecedents of 7 cases. If he is released on bail, possibility of repetition of the crime and pressurize the witnesses cannot be ruled out. The investigation is still not completed. Statements of the witnesses are yet to be recorded. Considering, facts and

circumstances of the present case authority cited by the
Ld. Advocate for the applicant is not helpful to him.
Hence, I am not inclined to grant bail to the applicant. As
a result, I pass following order.

:: ORDER ::

1. Application is rejected.
2. Inform the concerned police station and jail
authority, accordingly.

Panvel,
Dated :- 10/06/2026

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