



IN THE COURT OF ADDL. SESSIONS JUDGE, PANDHARPUR
Order Below Exh. 1 in Criminal Bail Application No. 366/2026

Rukmini Rajaram Dhekale ... Applicant/accused

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra ... Respondent/State
(Through Police Station Officer
Mangalvedha Police Station vide
C.R. No. 394/2025)

Appearance

Mr. S. L. Mane, Ld. Advocate for the applicant/accused
Mr. S. S. Dulange Ld. APP for the Respondent/State

(ORAL ORDER)
(Dictated and pronounced in the open Court)

This is an application filed by the applicant/accused for grant of anticipatory bail in connection with C.R.No. 394/2025 registered with Mangalvedha Police Station for the offence punishable under 137(2), 64(2)(m), 78(1), 3(5) of BNS, u/s 4, 6, 8, 12 and 17 of POCSO Act.

02. Applicant/accused submitted that, she has not committed any crime. She is innocent and have no concern with crime. The investigation of crime is practically completed. The allegation with regarding abduction and kidnapping are contradictory. FIR is lodged after thought. Applicant is reputed person. The applicant is having immovable property. She is ready and willing to abide all the terms

imposed by the Court. Hence, she prayed for grant of anticipatory bail in connection of C.R. No. 394/2026 registered at Mangalvedha Police Station.

03. Learned APP submitted say at Exh. 4 and resisted the application on the ground that, alleged offence is very serious in nature and it is punishable up to imprisonment for 10 years to life imprisonment. The accused No. 1 with the help of accused No. 2 and 3 kidnapped victim and took her at Pune, where accused No. 1 forcibly committed intercourse with victim from time to time. The accused persons have committed serious offence. The accused No. 1 was arrested on 23.05.2026. The accused was aware that, the victim was minor. The accused No. 2 and 3 helped accused No. 1 in kidnapping the victim. If anticipatory bail is granted to applicant/accused, then she will put pressure on complainant and witnesses. She may cause obstruction in the course of investigation. Lastly Ld. APP prayed for rejection of application.

04. The I.O. submitted say at Exh. 5 and resisted application on the ground that, the alleged offense is serious in nature and against minor girl. The C.R No. 191/2025 is already registered against applicant/accused previously. The accused No. 2 and 3 helped accused No. 1 in committing the crime. The accused No. 3 helped the victim and accused No. 1 in order to stay in Pune and he made arrangement of shelter of accused No. 1 and victim. The accused may put pressure on witnesses if bail is granted to her. Investigation is in progress. Lastly I.O. prayed for rejection of bail application.

05. The notice of bail application was served to informant but she failed to appear before the Court. She has not filed any reply to the bail application.

06. Heard learned advocate Shri. S. L. Mane for the applicant/accused along with Adv. Jamdade and Ld. APP Dulange for the State, at length.

07. Perused contents of this application and say filed by Ld. APP, I.O.. By this application the applicant/accused prayed for grant of anticipatory bail. Ld. APP and I.O. objected application. I have gone through the FIR. The FIR has been lodged by informant against unknown person. The name of applicant/accused is revealed in the investigation. The present applicant is shown as accused No. 2.

08. The police papers shows that, the accused No. 1 with help of accused No. 2 and 3 kidnapped minor victim and they took victim at Poud, Pune, where accused No. 1 repeatedly committed intercourse with the victim. Thus role attributed to present applicant/accused is only to the extent of aiding or assisting to principal accused in kidnapping victim. Nothing is to be recovered or discovered at the instance of applicant/accused. Therefore, custodial interrogation of applicant/accused is not required.

09. In present case, all the serious allegations are levelled against accused No. 1. There are allegations against accused No. 1 that, he kidnapped victim and committed intercourse with her from time to time. There are no allegations against applicant/accused that, he committed sexual assault with the victim. Thus role attributed to the applicant/accused is only to the extent of assisting principal accused in kidnapping victim. There is no allegation of penetrative sexual assault against applicant/accused. Considering role of applicant in the crime, I am of view that, the applicant/accused is entitled for grant of anticipatory bail.

10. In present case, the applicant is permanent resident of village Degaon, Tal. Mangalvedha. She is ready to abide all the terms and conditions imposed by the Court. She is not having any criminal antecedent. The co-accused namely Sagar Bansode having similar role was granted anticipatory bail by this Court in Bail Application No. 367/2026. Therefore, on the ground of parity the applicant is entitled for the bail. Hence, the bail application need to be allowed.

11. Considering the nature of offense and role played by applicant/accused in the crime, in my view applicant is entitled for grant of anticipatory bail. Hence application needs to be allowed. Hence, I proceed to pass following order :

ORDER

- 1 Criminal Bail Application No. 366/2026 is allowed.
- 2 Applicant/accused namely Rukmini Rajaram Dhekale resident of Degaon, Tal. Mangalvedha Dist. Solapur is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail on furnishing P. B. of Rs. 25,000/- with one surety of like amount in the event of her arrest in connection with C.R.No. 394/2025 registered with Mangalvedha Police Station for the offense punishable under 137(2), 64(2)(m), 78(1), 3(5) of BNS, and u/s 4, 6, 8, 12 and 17 of POCSO Act. on following conditions :-
 - a) Applicant/accused and her sureties shall provide their respective residential addresses, mobile numbers and email addresses, if any to investigation officer. Applicant/accused shall intimate any such change in address or telephone number and Email ID forthwith.
 - b) Applicant/accused shall not, directly; or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the accusation against him so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer.
 - c) Applicant/accused shall not leave India without the previous permission of this Court.
 - d) Applicant/accused shall not tamper with the prosecution witnesses and evidence in any manner.
- 3 Breach of any conditions by applicant/accused shall result in cancellation of anticipatory bail.
- 4 Anticipatory Bail Application No. 366 of 2026 is disposed off accordingly.

(A. S. Salgar)

Date : 29.06.2026.

Special Judge (POCSO), Pandharpur

CERTIFICATE

I affirm that, the contents of this PDF file are same word to word as per the original.

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