



IN THE COURT OF ADDL. SESSIONS JUDGE, PANDHARPUR
Order Below Exh. 1 in Criminal Bail Application No. 378/2026
CNR - MHSO050001872026

Krushna Mahesh Khatkale.

... Applicant/accused

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra
(Through Police Station Officer
Mangalvedha Police Station
vide C.R. No. 410/2026)

... Respondent/State

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)

01. This is an application filed by applicant/accused for grant of regular bail u/s 483 of BNSS, for releasing him in connection of crime No. 410/2026 registered at Mangalvedha P. S. for the offence punishable under section 3, 7, 25, 25(1)(1a) of Indian Arms Act.

02. The applicant/accused submitted that, he has not committed crime. He is falsely implicated in the crime. Investigation is practically completed. He has no nexus with alleged crime. He is ready to abide all the terms and conditions imposed by the Court. He is ready to furnish surety before the Court. Hence, applicant/accused prayed for

grant of regular bail in connection of crime No. 410/2026 registered at Mangalvedha police station.

03. The Ld. APP submitted say at Exh. 5 and resisted the application on the ground that offence is serious in nature and it is punishable for imprisonment up to five years. Investigation is in progress. The accused was arrested on 23.05.2026. If bail is granted to applicant, then he will cause obstruction in the course of investigation. The motorbike as well as two country made pistol and live cartridges were seized. He will commit similar type of offence. The accused may tamper prosecution witnesses. Lastly the Ld. APP prayed for rejection of application.

04. The I.O. filed say at Exh. 6 and resisted application on the ground that, offence is serious in nature. Investigation is in progress. The accused may tamper prosecution witnesses if released on bail. There is possibility of repetition of crime if bail granted to applicant. Lastly the I.O. prayed for rejection of application.

05. Heard Ld. Advocate Shri. Takane for applicant/accused and Ld. APP Shri. Dulange for state, at length.

06. Perused contents of application and say filed by APP, I.O. The applicant/accused prayed for grant of regular bail. I.O. and Ld. APP objected this application. I have gone through the FIR. The name of

applicant/accused is mentioned in FIR as accused No. 2. The allegations levelled against applicant/accused is that, he along with co accused were found in possession with country made pistol and live cartridges. Thus, the weapons are recovered. Nothing is remained to be seized from the possession of applicant/accused.

07. In present case, the investigation of this crime has been practically completed. The report of I.O. shows that, I.O. recorded statements of witnesses and seized weapon. In my view, as investigation is practically completed regular bail can be granted to the applicant/accused.

08. In present case, applicant/accused is in custody from 23.05.2026. He cannot be kept in custody from indefinite period. No purpose will be served keeping him behind bar. It will take time to commence the hearing of case. The alleged offence is punishable up to imprisonment for five years. It is not punishable up to imprisonment for life. It is settled law that, bail is rule and jail is an exception. Hence, bail can be granted to the applicant/accused. The applicant is ready to abide all the terms and conditions imposed by the Court. Therefore, by imposing conditions he can be granted the regular bail.

09. Considering the nature of offence and role played by the accused in the crime, I am of the view that, the accused/applicant is entitled for regular bail. Hence, applications needs to be allowed. Thus I

pass following order.

ORDER

- 1 Criminal Bail Application No. 378/2026 is allowed.
- 2 Applicant/accused namely Krushna Mahesh Khatkale, resident of Mangalvedha, Tal. Mangalvedha, Dist. Solapur is ordered to be released on regular bail on furnishing P. B. of Rs. 25,000/- with one surety of like amount, in connection with C.R.No. 410/2026 registered with Mangalvedha police station for the offence punishable under Sec. 3, 7, 25, 25(1)(1a) of Indian Arms Act, on following conditions :-
 - a) Applicant/accused and his sureties shall provide his residential addresses, mobile number and email address, 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 them 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 regular bail.
4. Bail Application No. 378 of 2026 is disposed off accordingly.
5. Bail be furnished before Ld. J.M.F.C., Mangalvedha.

(A. S. Salgar)

Date : 19.06.2026.

Additional Sessions Judge, Pandharpur

CERTIFICATE

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

01. Name of the Stenographer - Santosh Vilas Ghongade.
02. Name of the Court - Court of Dist. Judge 03,
Pandhapur.
03. Order/judgment signed by P.O. on - 19.06.2026.
04. Order /Judgment uploaded on - 19.06.2026.