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IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE, SATARA

Criminal Bail Application No.256 of 2026

Dashrath Baban Khatal & Anr.

..Applicants

V/s.

State of Maharashtra

..Respondent

Mr. D. M. Barge, Advocate for applicants.

Miss G. M. Lakade, Addl. P. P. for the State.

**Coram: Mr. S. R. Tamboli,
The Addl. Sessions Judge, Satara,**

:: ORDER BELOW EXH. 1 ::

1. In the instant application, the applicants have prayed for bail under Section 483 of the B.N.S.S.

2. In short, the case of the prosecution, as per the FIR, is that on 22/05/2026 at about 9.30 p.m., the informant told Dashrath Khatal and Babu Gujale not to shout in front of his house. On 23/05/2026 at about 6.00 a.m., the informant was standing in the courtyard of his house. At that time, Dashrath and Babu came into the courtyard shouting. Knowing that the informant belonged to the Mahar caste, they addressed him by saying, "महारड्या तुला लय मस्ती आली आहे". Babu was armed with a sharp-edged weapon and Dashrath was armed with an axe. Dashrath abused the informant by referring to his caste. He rushed towards the informant and his wife. When they entered the house,

both the accused manhandled them and threatened to kill them. They also threatened the informant's daughters.

3. In the backdrop of these facts, Mr. D. M. Barge, learned counsel for the applicants, submitted that there is no prima facie case under the provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, as the alleged incident did not take place within public view. No injury was sustained by the informant. The applicants have no criminal antecedents. The offences alleged are not punishable with death or imprisonment for life. Hence, he prayed for releasing the applicants on bail.

4. Per contra, Ms. G. M. Lakade, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State, submitted that there is a prima facie case against the applicants. The offences alleged against them are serious. The investigation is at a preliminary stage. The applicants may tamper with the evidence. Hence, she prayed for dismissal of the application.

5. The offences alleged against the applicants are not punishable with death or imprisonment for life. Nothing remains to be recovered from the applicants. No criminal antecedents have been reported against them. The investigation is likely to take some more time, and no purpose would be served by detaining the applicants in jail by way of pre-trial punishment. The applicants are permanent residents. It is less likely that they will abscond. The apprehension of tampering with the evidence can be adequately addressed by imposing stringent conditions. Hence, I am inclined to grant bail. In the result, I pass the following order:

:: ORDER ::

1. The application is allowed.

2. The applicants, namely, (i) Dashrath Baban Khatal and (ii) Babu @ Vikas Dattu Gujale, be released on bail in Wathar Police Station C.R. No. 129/2026, on furnishing a PR. bond and one or more sureties in the sum of Rs. 50,000/- each, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The applicants shall not pressurize the witnesses and shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence.

(b) The applicants shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when called by the Investigating Officer till the filing of the charge-sheet.

(c) The applicants and their sureties, if any, shall furnish their addresses and mobile numbers and shall not change their residence without informing the concerned Police Station till the conclusion of the trial.

3. The applicants shall furnish bail before the concerned Court.

4. A copy of this order be sent to the District Central Jail, Satara, by e-mail.

Date- 22/06/2026

(S.R.Tamboli)
2nd Addl. Sessions Judge, Satara.