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Criminal Bail Application No.98 of 2026

Shekhar Ravindra Khawale Vs. State

(Phaltan Rural Police Station C. R. No. 239/2026)

ORDER PASSED BELOW EXH.01

(Dtd. 08.07.2026)

01. This is a regular bail application under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

02. The applicant/accused **Shekhar Ravindra Khawale** is arrested on 06.05.2026 by the Phaltan Rural Police Station in Crime No.239/2026 for the offences punishable under Section 74, 75 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 8,12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

03. The prosecution case is that :

The victim girl lodged a complaint on 06.05.2026 at Phaltan Rural Police Station that she studied in 8th standard. She had gone for swimming along with her cousin sister and brother Shreyas in a well near her house. The accused Shekhar Ravindra Khawale was also swimming in the same well. When she came outside the well and when her cousin sister standing on the steps of the well, the accused Shekhar Ravindra Khawale while coming outside the well, brushed to the chest of his cousin sister and used

obscene words to her and outraged her modesty. The complainant and her cousin sister came running towards their house and thereafter informed this incident to their parents. The parents and the victim girl came to Phaltan Rural Police Station and lodged this complaint against the accused. The police registered the above offences against the accused and arrested him on 06.05.2026 and since that day he is in jail.

04. The applicant accused states that this is a false complaint lodged against him due to family disputes. He has not committed any offence against the victim girl. He states that he has co-operated the police during the investigation. There is nothing to be recovered or seized from him. He is in jail for almost two months. He states that the police have completed the investigation of the offence and filed charge-sheet against him. He states that he will attend the court regularly. He will not tamper the prosecution witnesses and attend the court regularly. He states that he is of 26 years of age and his family is dependent upon him. Lastly, he has prayed to allow his bail application and release him on regular bail.

05. Against this application, the say of Ld. Addl. P.P. and the concerned Police Station was called. The Police and the Addl. P.P. have strongly opposed to allow the bail application. They state that this is a very serious offence against a minor girls. They state that the applicant/accused may abscond, he may threaten and pressurize victim girls if he is released on bail. So they have prayed

to reject the bail application.

06. The victim girl has filed her say and opposed this bail application. She states that the accused is her neighbour and he may harass her and threatened her to withdraw the complaint against him. So she has prayed to reject the bail application.

07. Heard both sides. Perused the papers filed along with the bail application. The police have completed the investigation of the offence and filed charge-sheet against the accused. There is nothing to be seized or recovered from the accused. He is in jail for last two months. His physical custody is no more necessary. If the accused is directed to attend Phaltan Rural Police Station once in a month till the evidence of the victim is recorded, it will serve the purpose of the prosecution. So, I allow the bail application and pass the following order :

ORDER

01] The bail application of the applicant/accused Shekhar Ravindra Khawale is hereby allowed.

02] The applicant/accused **Shekhar Ravindra Khawale** be released in Crime No.239/2026 registered under Section 74, 75 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 8,12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 at Phaltan Rural Police Station, District - Satara on his executing PR. bond of Rs.50,000/- with one solvent surety in the like amount.

03] The applicant/accused should not pressurize the victim girl or the prosecution witnesses.

04] The applicant/accused should attend Phaltan City Police Station on every 1st day of every month between 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. till the evidence of the victim girl is recorded.

05] If the applicant/accused breaches the terms and conditions of the bail order, then his bail will be cancelled, immediately.

PHALTAN
Date : 08/07/2026

(P. G. Bhosale)
Addl. Sessions Judge, Phaltan.