

**IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE-3 AND SPECIAL
JUDGE (POCSO ACT) WARDHA.**

Cri. Bail Application No.77/2026.

ORDER BELOW EXH.1
(Passed on 06.03.2026)

1] This is an application under Section 482 of B.N.S.S. made by applicant Pravin Kashinath Palaste(Badgujar) for grant of anticipatory bail in connection with F.I.R.No.476/2026 for the offence punishable under Sec.363, 370, 376, 376(2)(n), 312, 313, 317, 318, 201 of IPC and Sec. 4 & 6 of POCSO Act registered at Wardha(City) Police Station.

2] The investigating officer namely Shri. Pramod Makeshwar, SDPO, Wardha has submitted his reply below Exh.7. The learned APP Shri PP. Soitkar by way of Exh.6 submitted that the same reply given by the investigating officer is the reply of the prosecution. The said statement of the APP below Exh.6 is taken on record. The victim ABC is present before the court. She has also filed reply below Exh.5 which is forwarded by the learned APP Shri. Soitkar.

3] I have gone through the entire charge-sheet. It seems that another accused namely Shaharukh Kha Hamidkha Pathan came to be released by my learned Predecessor in the month of August, 2025. In the said case victim had appeared before my learned Predecessor and in which, she gave reply.

4] As the case may be, it seems that there are two different instances pertaining to the present victim by accused Shaharukh Kha Pathan, as well as accused namely Pravin Badgujar. Despite this one

single charge-sheet in the form of Spl.C.No.90/2025 is filed by the investigating officer. The such filing of charge-sheet puts serious question marks about the working of POCSO Cell, Wardha Police. This is third or fourth instances observed by this court that even though, there are different accused involved in different Acts under POCSO Act with the victim, but single charge-sheet is being filed.

5] Moreover, the role of the accused Varsha Kuril is also required to be scrutinized and charge-sheet filed against her. So, under such circumstances, the investigating officer Shri. Pramod Makeshwar, SDPO, Wardha and second investigating officer Smt. Pranita Babhale are hereby directed to personally remain present before this court along with all documents such as updated case diary, Part-B of the case diary and all remaining documents for hearing on 07.03.2026. The learned APP Shri. Soitkar and Court Pairavikar of Wardha City Police Station H.C. Rahul Kuril B.No.561 is present before the court. He is personally directed to convey this order to Shri. Pramod Makeshwar, SDPO, Wardha and Smt. Pranita Babhale, second investigating officer to remain present before this court on 07.03.2026 at 11.00 a.m.

Place : Wardha.
Date : 06.03.2026.

(**S.G. Adake**)
Addl. Sessions Judge-3 &
Spl. Judge (POCSO Act), Wardha