

**IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE, WASHIM***(Presided over by M. S. Sahastrabudhe)***CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION No. 78/2026****CNR No. MHWS010002702026**

**Applicant** : Anurag Chandrakant Sahastrabude  
Age 18 Yrs, Occup. Student  
r/o. Mungala,  
Tq.Malegaon, Dist. Washim

**- Vs.-**

**Non-applicant** : State of Maharashtra,  
Through Police Station Officer,  
Malegaon, Tq. Dist. Washim.

**Application under Section 483 of B.N.S.S., 2023 for regular bail****ORDER BELOW EXHIBIT No. 1***(Passed on 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026)*

The present application is filed by the applicant under Section 483 of B.N.S.S. in crime No.164/2026 of Malegaon Police Station registered for the offences punishable under Sections 333, 64, 64(2)(f), 64 (2)(m), 65(1), 351(2)(3), 3(5) of BNS, 2023 and Section 4, 6, 8 & 12 of POCSO Act.

2. In brief, it is the contention of the applicant that the report was given by the victim on 11/02/2026 alleging that she is residing with family and is studying in 10<sup>th</sup> standard. Her date of birth is 27/11/20206. On 08/02/2026, all her family members were out of the house and she was alone, at that time applicant came to her house. He locked the door and taking disadvantage of the fact that she was

alone in the house, he was committed rape on her. At that time her brother came to the house and found that the door was locked. Thereafter, when he found applicant in the house, he assaulted him and thereafter, he gathered all the people in the vicinity. Thereafter, father of applicant requested them not to lodge the report and assured them that he will perform marriage of the victim with applicant. It is further contention of the victim that three months prior to the incident applicant had committed rape on her and had taken photographs and was blackmailing her. The other accused have helped the applicant in one way or other to commit the offence of rape and when the victim informed them about the conduct of applicant, they had threatened her not to disclose the said incidence to anyone.

3. It is the contention of the applicant is innocent that the victim had given false report against him due to local rivalry and personal grudges for falsely implicating him. It is further his contention that there is delay in FIR. He is permanent residence of village Mungla and is law abiding citizen. The entire conduct of the victim as per her own FIR is not natural and from the contents of the FIR itself it can be easily gathered that the applicant is implicated in false case. Prima facie no offence under POCSO Act is made out against the applicant. He has no criminal antecedents and there is no possibility that he might abscond. The other accused are already released on bail. The applicant is ready to abide by all the terms and conditions, which would be imposed by the Court. Hence, he has prayed to allow the application and to grant bail.

4. The said application is strongly opposed by the ld. APP and I.O. by filing say below Exh.5. It is their contention that applicant has

been arrested and his clothes and mobile have been seized. His medical examination is also complete. The applicant and the victim are residing in the same village. If at all, the bail is granted to him, there is possibility that he might tamper the prosecution evidence and might pressurise the prosecution witnesses. Hence, they have prayed the application be rejected.

5. The said application is also opposed by the informant by filing say below Exh.6. It is her contention that applicant is residing in their neighbourhood and if at all he is released on bail, then he will time and again come before the victim due to which she will be under mental pressure. The applicant by blackmailing the victim and by threatening to kill her family members had taken her photographs and by giving the threat that he might make viral the said photographs had committed physical sexual assault. The family members of the applicant are time and again insulting the victim and her family members and are defaming them. Considering the said behaviour of the family members of the applicant, if at all he is released on bail, then he might not abide by law and hence application needs to be rejected.

6. Considering submissions of ld. advocates for all the sides and of the applicant in person, so also on perusal of record, it appears that the allegations against the applicant is that since three months prior to incidence he was committing penetrative sexual assault on the victim. He had taken her photographs and was blackmailing her by using those photographs and was threatening her not to disclose the incidence to anybody or else he would make viral the the said photographs and the other accused were assisting him.

7. It is matter of record that other three accused have been released on bail. The mobile phone of the applicant containing the photographs if any has been seized by the police. The applicant is a young boy of 18 years of age and is in Jail since 12/02/2026. Keeping him behind bars for excessive period might ruin his future. As far as the apprehension of the informant that he might time and again come before the victim due to which she would be under mental pressure and the apprehension that family members of the applicant might insult and defame the victim and her family members are concerned, the same can be taken care of by imposing necessary conditions.

8. From the say of I.O. it appears that the investigation is nearly complete and the custody of the applicant is not required for further investigation. He has no criminal antecedents. The applicant is behind bars for substantial period and from the say of I.O. it can be ascertained that nothing is to be recovered from his possession. Considering the facts of the investigation is nearly completed, and nothing is to be recovered from the possession of the applicant and considering the young age of the applicant, he needs to be released on bail. All the apprehensions of the prosecution and the victim can be taken care of by imposing necessary conditions. Accordingly, in the interest of justice, I proceed to pass following order:-

**ORDER**

- i) The application is hereby allowed.
- ii) Applicant **Anurag Chandrakant Sahastrabude** in crime No.164/2026 registered with Malegaon police station for the offence punishable under Sections 333, 64, 64(2)(f), 64 (2) (m), 65(1), 351(2)(3), 3(5) of BNS, 2023 and Section 4, 6, 8 & 12 of POCSO Act, he be released on bail on furnishing

personal bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rs. Fifty thousand only) with one solvent surety in the like amount.

- iii) He is directed to attend Police Station, Malegaon on every Wednesday from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
- iv) He is directed not to enter village Mungala, till disposal of the case.
- v) He is further directed that neither he nor anyone on his behalf would contact or pressurize the victim and prosecution witnesses, in any manner.
- vi) He is shall not involve himself in the similar offence.
- vii) He is further directed not to change their address without prior permission of the Court.
- viii) He is further directed to furnish copy of Aadhaar Card, Ration Card or any document of his recent address proof and cell number at the time of furnishing surety.
- ix) Hamdast Allowed.

Place : Washim  
Date : 18/03/2026.

(M. S. Sahastrabudhe)  
Addl. Sessions Judge, Washim.

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**CERTIFICATE**

I affirm that the contents of this P.D.F. file Judgment/Order are same word to word, as per the original order :-

Name of the Stenographer	:- Nitin B. Khandare, Stenographer (Grade-1)
Court Name	:- District Judge-3 & Additional Sessions Judge, Washim
Date	:- 18/03/2026
Order signed by the Presiding Officer on	:- 18/03/2026
Order uploaded on	:- 18/03/2026