



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 301 OF 2026

1. ARAVIND S/O. SOMNATH HASE
2. PRATIK S/O. BHAUSAHEB BHOKNAL
VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

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Advocate for Appellants : Mr. Shermale K. N.
APP for Respondent No. 1 : Mr. V.S. Badakh

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CORAM : ABHAY J. MANTRI, J.
DATE : 27TH APRIL, 2026

PER COURT :

1. The Appellants being dissatisfied with the order dated 18.04.2026, passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Sangamner, District Ahilyanagar, in Criminal Bail Application No. 107/2026, thereby rejected the Bail Application in connection with Crime No. 178/2026, dated 28.02.2026, registered at Sangamner City Police Station, District Ahilyanagar for the offences punishable under Sections 324 (4), 329 (3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short '*the BNS Act*') and under Sections 3(1)(f) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act (for short '*the SC and ST Act*').
2. Heard the learned for the Appellants, learned APP for the State and perused the record.

3. Having heard the rival contention of learned Advocate for the Appellants and learned APP, at the outset, it appears that even if the allegations in the First Information Report are taken as it is against the present Appellants in their entirety, did not, *prima facie*, constitute an offence under the provisions of the SC and ST Act and the offences under the BNS Act are also bailable one.

4. Therefore, in my view, *prima facie*, at this stage, the question of bar under Section 18 of the SC and ST Act does not arise. Having considered the same, *prima facie*, I deem it appropriate to protect the rights of the Appellants.

5. As such, **the ad-interim relief is granted to the Appellants in terms of prayer clause 'C'.**

6. The Appellants, namely Arvind S/o. Somnath Hase and Pratik S/o. Bhausahab Bhoknal, be released on bail in connection with Crime No. 178/2026, registered at Sangamner City Police Station, District Ahilyanagar for the offences punishable under Sections 324 (4), 329 (3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and under Sections 3(1)(f) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act, ***on furnishing PB and SB of Rs. 50,000/- [Rupees fifty thousand] each with one or two solvent sureties*** in the like amount, on the following terms and conditions:

- i] The Appellants shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when called by the Investigating Officer till the next date.
- ii] The Appellants shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence in any manner till the next date.
- iii] The Appellants shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court till the next date.
- iv] The Appellants shall furnish the contact details and residential address to the I.O./Police Station and the concerned Court, and shall keep the information updated, in case of any change.
- v] Bail before the Trial Court.

7. Issue notice to the Respondents, returnable on **07.05.2026**.

Learned APP waives notice for Respondent No. 1.

(ABHAY J. MANTRI, J.)