

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 88 OF 2026

Omkar Ramchandra Gholap

... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra And Ors.

... Respondents

Mr. Avesh Ghadge for the Applicant.

Ms. Priyanka S. Rane, APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : M. M. SATHAYE, J.

DATE : 12th February 2026.

P. C. :

1. Heard learned Counsel for the Applicant.
2. It is submitted that Applicant is appearing for standard 12th (HSC) Board Examination and the examination is till 07.03.2026.
3. Learned APP relying on a report from the concerned Officer of the Phaltan City Police Station, confirms that indeed, the Applicant is appearing for said examination till 07.03.2026.
4. Considering that the Applicant is appearing for board examination, it is directed that **no coercive steps shall be taken against the Applicant till 08.03.2026.**

5. It is clarified that this order is passed purely because the Applicant is appearing for examination and the Court has not examined the merits of the Anticipatory Bail Application. **The continuation of the interim protection will not be automatic** and it will depend on the matter being argued on merits on the next date and all contentions of the State on merits are kept open

6. Stand over to 08.03.2026 for further consideration.

[M. M. SATHAYE, J.]

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