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IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT GWALIOR

BEFORE

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE MILIND RAMESH PHADKE

ON THE 14th OF OCTOBER, 2025

MISC. CRIMINAL CASE No. 45353 of 2025

KARAN VINAGYA

Versus

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH

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Appearance:

Shri Abhishek Parashar - Advocate for applicant.

Shri Dinesh Savita - Public Prosecutor for respondent/Staet.

Shri Rajkumar Josh - Advocate for respondent [COMP].
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ORDER

This is the first bail application filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 by the applicant seeking grant of bail in connection with Crime No. 10/2025 registered at Police Station Crime Branch, District Gwalior for the offences punishable under Sections 319(2), 318(4), 308(2), 336(2), 337, 338, 336(3), 340(2) further added 61(2), 111(3), 238 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 66-D of the Information Technology Act, 2000. The applicant has been arrested on 19.04.2025.

As per prosecution story, a complaint was lodged by the Secretary and Manager of Ramakrishna Mission Ashram, Thatipur, Gwalior, alleging that on 17 March 2025, he received a WhatsApp call from a person impersonating a police officer from Nashik. The caller informed him that an



FIR had been registered against him under the Money Laundering Act and showed details of a bank account opened in his name with transactions of approximately Rs.20 crore. Under the guise of investigation and threat of arrest, the caller obtained confidential financial details of the ashram and induced the complainant to transfer a total sum of Rs.2,52,99,000 to several accounts between 17 March and 11 April 2025. When the amount was not refunded and the caller became untraceable, the complainant realized that he had been cheated through cyber fraud by unknown persons who impersonated police officials and used forged documents.

Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the case and no direct evidence is available to connect him with the commission of the offence. It is submitted that the applicant has been made an accused only on the basis of a memorandum statement of co-accused Tushar Gome, who stated that on the instructions of co-accused Udayraj, the brother of the present applicant, he had given money to the applicant. It is argued that the main accused is Udayraj and the role attributed to the present applicant is limited. The applicant is in custody since 19.04.2025, and the trial is likely to take a considerable period. It is further submitted that the applicant is a permanent resident of District Ujjain and there is no likelihood of his absconding or tampering with the evidence. On these grounds, prayer for grant of bail is made.

Learned counsel for the State and learned counsel appearing on behalf of the complainant have opposed the application and submitted that the offence is of serious nature involving a huge amount of money and has been



committed by organized cyber fraudsters. Therefore, the applicant does not deserve bail.

Heard learned counsel for the rival parties and perused the case diary.

Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case coupled with the fact that the trial is not likely to conclude in near future and prolonged pre- trial detention being an anathema to the concept of liberty, this Court is inclined to extend the benefit of bail to the applicant.

Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on merits of the case, this application is allowed and it is directed that the applicant be released on bail on furnishing a personal bond in the sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) with one solvent surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court/committal Court for his appearance on the dates given by the concerned Court.

This order will remain operative subject to compliance of the following conditions by the applicant:-

1. The applicant will comply with all the terms and conditions of the bond executed by him;
2. The applicant will cooperate in the investigation/trial, as the case may be;
3. The applicant will not indulge themselves in extending inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to the Police Officer, as the case may be;
4. The applicant shall not commit any other offence during pendency



of the trial, failing which this bail order shall stand cancelled automatically, without further reference to the Bench;

5. The applicant will not seek unnecessary adjournments during the trial; and

6. The applicant will not leave India without previous permission of the trial Court/Investigating Officer, as the case may be.

Certified copy as per rules.

(MILIND RAMESH PHADKE)
JUDGE

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