



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

910 ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 306 OF 2025

SANJAY JAGDISHLAL NARANG

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

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Mr. Rahul R. Karpe, Advocate for Applicant.

Mr. C. V. Bhadane, APP for Respondent Nos.1 and 2-State.

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CORAM : ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.

DATE : 25 JULY, 2025

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1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties.
2. The Applicant has filed this Anticipatory Bail Application as he apprehends arrest. The FIR is registered on 05.12.2024 in C.R. No.0663 of 2024 under Sections 420, 408, 120B read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code with Shirdi Police Station, Taluka Rahata, District Ahmednagar.
3. My attention is drawn to the order dated 06.03.2025, passed by this Court. By the said order, the Applicant was protected in terms of terms and conditions, which are set out in paragraph No.5 of the said order. Mr. Bhadane after taking written instructions from the concerned Police Station has submitted that the Applicant has cooperated with the investigation. As directed, he has entered

appearance before the Investigating Officer on 01.04.2025 and 02.04.2025. It appears that the statement is also recorded on 01.04.2025. All of this would mean that the Applicant has duly joined the investigation. Mr. Bhadane tried to advance contentions on the aspect of the prima-facie case, namely with regard to the substitution of good quality cotton substituted with the inferior quality of cotton based. However, the order dated 06.03.2025, reveals that this very argument has been duly considered, not just in that order, but also in the order dated 14.02.2025 in the Anticipatory Bail Application No.04 of 2024, which as observed by the Court then, pertained to an identical factual situation.

4. Considering the above and more particularly, the written instructions taken by Mr. Bhadane on the aspect of cooperation and the Applicant having joined the investigation, custodial interrogation is not necessary in the given factual complexion. Thus, in the given situation, in my view, the order dated 06.03.2025 needs to be confirmed. The Anticipatory Bail Application deserves to be allowed by passing following order:-

ORDER

- (i) In the event of arrest of the applicant in connection with C.R. No.0663 of 2024 registered with Shirdi Police Station, Taluka Rahata, District Ahmednagar, for the

offences punishable under Sections 420, 408, 120B read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code, the Applicant is directed to be released on bail on their furnishing PR bond in the sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only) with one or more sureties in the like amount.

- (ii) The Applicant shall cooperate with the investigation and shall attend the concerned police station as and when required/called for, until filing of the charge-sheet.
- (iii) The Applicant shall furnish details of residential address and other contact details such as mobile number etc. to the concerned police station. If there is any change in the contact details, the same shall be immediately intimated to the concerned police station.
- (iv) The Applicant shall not leave the jurisdiction of the Court without prior permission/order of the Court, subject to further orders and until filing of charge-sheet.
- (v) The Applicant shall not influence the witness/es and/or tamper evidence in any manner whatsoever.

5. Needless to mention that the observations are *prima-facie* for the purpose of adjudication of this anticipatory bail application.

6. Anticipatory bail application is allowed in the above terms.

(ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.)