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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

13 ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1201 OF 2025

VAIBHAV BALIRAM KHANDAGALE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

Mr.Swapnil Joshi a/w Mr.Ojas Deshpande, and Mr.Swapnil Patunkar for
J.PLegal Associates, Advocates for the Applicant.
Mr.R.S.Wani, APP for the Respondent/State.

(CORAM : ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.)

DATE : 21 JULY 2025

P.C. :

1. Heard the learned Advocates for the parties.
2. **Issue Notice to the Respondent.** The learned APP waives service of notice on behalf of the sole Respondent.
3. The applicant has filed present application as he apprehends arrest u/s 482 of the Cr.P.C. The present proceedings relate to Crime No.0152/2025. The FIR in the present proceedings has been lodged on 6 June 2025 at 23:41 Hours at Shirur Police Station,

Dist.Beed. The alleged offences are u/s 119(1), 189(1)(c), 189(1)(d), 190, 191(1), 333, 351(2), 351(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. The occurrence of the offence is shown on 4 June 2025 between 20:00 hours to 20:15 hours. There are 4 accused persons named in the FIR out of which accused No.1 is the applicant before the Court. The informant is one Pooja Uttreshwar Gat, aged 24 years. With the assistance of the learned Advocate for the Applicant and the learned APP, I have perused the FIR and the papers available with the Court.

4. From the perusal of the FIR, it appears that the role of the Applicant is ascribed as entering into the house of the informant alongwith co-accused Dada Haribhau Dhobale and 3 unknown persons. There appears to have been a sudden quarrel wherein the persons in the FIR who entered the house of the Informant with 3 unknown persons including this Applicant with bamboo sticks in their hands. They forcibly took away the amount of Rs.50,000/- in the form of currency notes of denomination of Rs.500/- in the cupboard. In such circumstances the FIR was lodged.

5. At this stage, it is pertinent to note that there is a cross complaint resulted in culminating in an earlier FIR No.0151/2025 dated 6 June 2025. In these proceedings, the Applicant before this Court is the informant in that FIR. The incidence is also of the same date i.e. 4 June 2025. The allegations made in the said complaint are similar to that in the FIR in the present proceedings. The learned Advocate for the Applicant also informs the Court that accused No.2 i.e. father of the present accused with similar role, has been granted Anticipatory Bail by the Sessions Court on 20 June 2025.

6. The learned APP would submit that he would require instructions as the application is listed for the first time today. The present applicant has no criminal antecedents as pointed out by the learned Advocate for the Applicant. It also appears at this preliminary stage that Section 119(1) , which is one of the provisions invoked in the FIR may not be applicable *qua* the present Applicant.

7. Considering all of the above, *prima facie*, the Applicant deserves some protection by the following order :-

ORDER

- (i) Until the adjourned date of hearing, in the event of arrest of the Applicant in connection with CR No.0152 of 2025 registered with Shirur Police Station, Dist.Beed for the offences punishable under Sections 119(1), 189(1)(c), 189(1)(d), 190, 191(1), 333, 351(2), 351(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Applicant is directed to be released on bail on his 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 on every Monday at 11:30 a.m., until further orders.
- (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, until further

orders.

- (v) The Applicant shall not influence the witness/es and/or tamper evidence in any manner whatsoever.

8. List the proceedings for further consideration on **11 August 2025**.

9. The protection granted to the Applicant shall continue until the adjourned date of hearing.

(ADVAIT M. SETHNA, J.)