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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1459 OF 2025**

Vinayak Dattatray Pujari

.....Applicant

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra

.....Respondent

Mr. Umesh Mankapure a/w Mr. Om Mangavi, Mr. Parth A. P. i/b
Mr. Rati Sinhasane for the applicant
Mr. A. S. Shalgaonkar APP for the State
Mr. Nitin R. Babar, PSI, Sangli Rural Police Station

**CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 15th SEPTEMBER 2025**

P.C.:

1. Applicant is apprehending his arrest in C.R. No. 89 of 2025 registered with Sangli Rural Police Station, District: Sangli for offences punishable under Sections 20(b) and 8(c) of The Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

2. It is the prosecution's case that in the intervening night of 17th March 2024, applicant kept 552 Grams of Ganja in the auto-rickshaw of one Sanjay Gavandi. The name of the applicant is not mentioned in the F.I.R. In the investigation, it revealed that applicant had kept the said Ganja in the rickshaw

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of Sanjay Gavandi.

3. It is the contention of learned counsel for applicant that name of the applicant is not mentioned in the F.I.R. There is no evidence against the applicant. The offence registered against the applicant is bailable offence. Applicant has no antecedents under NDPS Act. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is the contention of learned APP that there is statement of one witness who had seen the applicant keeping the contraband in the auto-rickshaw of Sanjay Gavandi with intention to rope Mr. Sanjay Gavandi. Considering this, custodial interrogation of the applicant is necessary. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused F.I.R. and documents produced on record. In the F.I.R. there is no name of the applicant mentioned. The offence registered against the applicant is a bailable offence.

6. Considering these facts, I pass following order:

ORDER

I. In the event of arrest, applicant be enlarged on bail in

C.R. No. 89 of 2025 registered with Sangli Rural Police Station,
District: Sangli on furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.
20,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

II. The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as
and when required.

III. The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or
attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or
any person concerned with the case.

IV. Application is disposed of in above terms.

7. All concerned to act on authenticated copy of this order.

[SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.]