

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2334 OF 2025**

Sagar Narayandas Keswani	...Applicant
Versus	
State Of Maharashtra	...Respondent

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION ST NO. 17473 OF 2025
IN
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Mamta Rajendrakumar Bafna	...Applicant
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Mr. Jayant Bardeskar (through VC), Mr. Ramsing Rajput, Mr. Nakul Shukl for the applicant
Mr. Nilabh Toshnival for the intervener
Mr. A. S. Shalgaonkar APP for the State

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 29th SEPTEMBER 2025

P.C.:

1. Applicant is apprehending his arrest in C.R. No. 139 of 2025 registered with Kupwad MIDC Police Station, Sangli,

District: Sangli for offences punishable under Sections 406, 420 of the Indian Penal Code.

2. It is the prosecution's case that the applicant had taken clothes from the shop of the first informant in the year 2023 of around Rs. 27 Lakhs and out of the said amount, repaid around Rs. 7 lakhs and thereafter, did not pay. Thereby cheated the first informant.

3. It is the contention of learned counsel for applicant that the applicant has been falsely implicated in this case. The dispute between the applicant and the first informant is of civil nature. The first informant and partners owned the shop at Ulhasnagar. The applicant had taken the said shop on rent on Pagadi basis. The partner of the first informant forced the applicant to vacate the shop. Hence, the applicant lodged the complaint against the partner of the first informant and his agents. To take revenge to it, present F.I.R. is lodged. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is the contention of learned APP alongwith learned counsel for respondent no. 2 that applicant had cheated various

victims and persons. He has antecedents. The applicant had purchased the clothes from the first informant and her firm and did not pay the remaining amount. Considering the allegations against the applicant, custodial interrogation of the applicant is required. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard all the learned counsel, perused F.I.R. and documents produced on record. The allegations against the applicant are that he has purchased the jeans clothes of more than 27 Lakhs from the first informant's firm and paid around Rs. 7 lakhs. The said transaction was done in the year 2023. The present F.I.R. is lodged in 2025. There is delay of around two years in lodging F.I.R. Moreover, it appears that the dispute between the applicant and the first informant is of civil nature.

6. Considering these facts, custodial interrogation of the applicant is not required and I pass following order:

7. Application is allowed.

ORDER

I. The application is allowed.

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

C.R. No. 139 of 2025 registered with Kupwad MIDC Police Station, Sangli, District: Sangli on furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs. 20,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

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

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

8. Application is disposed of in above terms.

9. In view of disposal of anticipatory bail application, intervention application is disposed of accordingly.

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

[SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.]