

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2375 OF 2025

Vijay Tukaram Panhalkar ...Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr. Jaydeep D. Mane for Applicant.

Mr. P. P. Deokar, APP for the Respondent-State.

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CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 18th NOVEMBER, 2025

P.C.

1. Applicant is apprehending arrest in Crime No.740 of 2025 registered with Karmala Police Station, Dist. Solapur for the offences punishable under Sections 119(2), 118(1), 351(2) and 352 of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
2. It is prosecution's case that on 7th September, 2025 at around 11:00 a.m., the applicant assaulted the first informant and cousin with wooden stick and snatched gold chain of the first informant on the ground of old dispute.
3. It is contention of learned counsel for applicant that the applicant has filed cross complaint earlier against the first informant to counter it, the present complaint is filed. The applicant has been

brutally assaulted by the first informant and his cousin. The applicant is more than 60 years old. While on interim relief, the applicant has co-operated with the investigation. Investigation is almost completed. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant has assaulted the first informant and his cousin with wooden stick. Investigating is in progress. Considering the allegations against the application, his custodial interrogation is required. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both the learned counsels, perused the FIR and documents placed on record. It appears from the record that the applicant had filed complaint against the first informant and his cousin and thereafter complaint was filed against the applicant by the first informant. It appears from the photos produced on record, the applicant has been brutally assaulted by the first informant and his cousin. The applicant is more than 60 years old. While on interim relief, he has cooperated with the investigation. Investigation is almost completed. Considering these facts his custodial interrogation is not required. Hence, I pass the following order.

ORDER

(i) Application is allowed;

- (ii) Interim relief granted by order dated 14.10.2025 is made absolute.
- (iii) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.

6. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed off.

7. It is made clear that the above observations are made only for the purpose of granting anticipatory bail and the Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits in accordance with law and uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.

8. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)