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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2393 OF 2025

Ganesh Suresh Patil

...Applicant

Versus

The State Of Maharashtra

...Respondent

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Ms. Rati Sinhasane a/w Mr. Parth Pitambare, Mr. Om U. Mangave
Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. A. S. Shalgaonkar APP for the State

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 13th NOVEMBER, 2025.

P.C.

1. Applicant is apprehending his arrest in C.R. No. 228 of 2025 registered with Sanjaynagar Police Station, Sangli, District Sangli for offences punishable under Sections 318(4) read with 3(5) of Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is the prosecution's case that the applicant does the business of selling and purchasing four wheelers. The first informant intends to purchase Audi Car. Hence, he approached the applicant. The applicant introduced him with accused no. 1. Accordingly, the first informant given amount to accused no. 1 for purchasing Audi

Car, but, after giving amount, the said Audi Car was not delivered to the first informant by accused no. 1.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for applicant that the applicant acted as middlemen. He is not involved in the crime. The main allegations are against accused no. 1. While on interim relief, the applicant has co-operated in investigation. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant introduced accused no. 1 with the first informant. Accordingly, the first informant gave amount to him, but he did not deliver the Audi Car. It shows involvement of the applicant in the crime. Considering the allegations against the applicant his custodial interrogation is required and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsels, perused F.I.R. and documents produced on record.

6. It appears from the FIR that the applicant acted as a middlemen. The main allegations are against accused no. 1. Considering these facts, custodial interrogation of the applicant is not required and I pass following order :

ORDER

- I. Application is allowed.
 - II. In the event of arrest, applicant be enlarged on bail in C.R. No. 228 of 2025 registered with Sanjaynagar 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.
7. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed off.
8. It is made clear that the above observations are made only for the purpose of granting 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.
9. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)