

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2404 OF 2025

Chhababai Ashok Babar ...Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr. Ritesh Thobde a/w Mr. Darshan Singh Rajpurohit, Mr. Changdev Shingade, Mr. Pushkaraj Yadav- Deshmukh and Adv. M. Bardeskar, for Applicant.

Mr. S. H. Yadav, APP for the Respondent-State.

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CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 12th NOVEMBER, 2025

P.C.

1. Applicant is apprehending arrest in Crime No.584 of 2025 registered with Pandharpur Taluka Police Station, Dist. Solapur for the offences punishable under Sections, 108, 85 and 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita (for Short “BNS”).

2. It is prosecution’s case that the applicant is mother-in-law of the deceased. The applicant and co-accused subjected to mental and physical harassment to the deceased. Due to continuous mental and physical harassment, the deceased has committed suicide.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for applicant that the applicant is 65 years old. The husband of the deceased has been arrested and released on regular bail. Investigation is almost completed. Considering the allegations against the applicant, her custodial interrogation is not required. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant is mother-in-law of the deceased, who harassed mentally and physically to the deceased. Due to continuous harassment, the deceased has committed suicide. Considering allegations against the applicant, custodial interrogation of the applicant is required and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both the learned counsels, perused the FIR and documents placed on record. The allegations against applicant are of harassing the deceased. The applicant is 65 years old. Investigation is almost completed. While on interim relief, the applicant has cooperated in the investigation. Considering these facts, her custodial interrogation is not required. Hence, I pass the following order:

ORDER

(i) Application is allowed;

- (ii) In the event of arrest, the applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No.584 of 2025 registered with Pandharpur Taluka Police Station, Dist. Solapur, on executing PR.Bond in the sum of Rs.20,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount;
 - (iii) The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the witnesses or any person concerned with the case.
 - (iv) 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.)