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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.113 OF 2025

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Pranav Ashok Ubale

...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Ms. Vrunda Surve i/b. Adv. Parulekar, for the Applicant.

Mr. Ravindra S. Pachundkar, for the Respondent No.2,

Mr. A.R. Metkari, APP for State.

R.K. Bankar, PSI, Shirur Police Station, Pune (Rural).

CORAM: MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.

DATED: 02 DECEMBER 2025

P.C.:

1. Heard, Ms. Vrunda Surve, learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant, Mr. Metkari, learned APP for the State and Mr. Ravindra S. Pachundkar, appearing of behalf of Respondent No.2 - the First Informant.

2. Applicant by the present application filed under Section 482 of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 is seeking pre-arrest Bail in

connection with Crime No. 973 of 2024 registered with Shirur Police station, Pune (Rural), for the offence punishable under Section 108 of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. The First Informant is the father of the deceased. As per the prosecution case, the deceased was studying at Balaji English Medium School at Shirur and the Applicant was staying in the same residential colony where the deceased was staying. He used to contact her number of times in spite of opposition by the parents. He has threatened her and defamed her in school and therefore, earlier complaint was filed by the mother of the Deceased. In the F.I.R. various incidents were mentioned. It is the prosecution case that as the applicant was pressurizing her to meet him, the deceased died by suicide.

4. Ms. Surve, learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that the Applicant and Deceased were in love relationship. However, the parents of the deceased were against their love relationship and therefore the deceased was in depression and she died by suicide.

5. On the other hand, Mr. Pachundkar, learned Counsel appearing for the Respondent No.1 and Mr. Metkari, learned APP for the State, submitted that the offence is very serious. In fact, earlier also the offence was registered against the present Applicant being C.R.No.270 of 2023 under Sections 354, 354(D) of the Indian Penal Code and Section 12 of the POCSO Act, 2012 as the Applicant used to harass and

contact the deceased and used to threaten her . Both of them submitted that as the Applicant used to harass the Deceased and as the Applicant had threatened the deceased to defame her, she died by suicide.

6. Perusal of the record shows that a learned Single Judge by order dated 22nd January, 2025 has granted interim protection. Paragraph Nos. 2 and 3 of order dated 22nd January, 2025 passed by the learned Single Judge are relevant and reads as under :

2. The learned counsel for the applicant submits the deceased and applicant were in love relationship. The parents of the deceased were against their love relationship and therefore she was in depression and thus committed suicide. In support of the said submission, the learned counsel for the applicant has filed on record the whats-app messages between the deceased and the applicant.
3. I have perused the said messages. Prima-facie there appears to be substance in the submission of the learned counsel for the applicant. In that view of the matter, I am inclined to protect the applicant, till next date.

7. Thus *prima facie* material shows that the Applicant was in love relationship with the Deceased, which was opposed by the parents.

8. Except the earlier offence being Crime No. 270 of 2023 lodged against the present Applicant by the mother of the deceased, there is no other antecedent.

9. Mr. Metkari, learned APP submits that charge sheet is ready and investigation is already completed.

10. However, as Mr. Pachundkar, learned Counsel appearing for the

Respondent No.2 raised the apprehension that as the Applicant and the Respondent No.2 are residing in the same residential colony and there is likelihood that witnesses will be pressurized. Ms. Surve, learned Counsel, of the Applicant on the instructions of the applicant states that the applicant will stay outside Taluka Shirur, Pune and will stay at 46, Dattawadi, Mhatre Pool, Near Vedika Bakery, Pune - 411 030 till completion of the trial.

11. Accordingly, case is made out for grant of Anticipatory Bail Application by imposing stringent condition. Hence the following Order is passed:

ORDER

- i) In the event of arrest of the Applicant - Pranav Ashok Ubale in connection with C.R. No.973 of 2024 registered with the Shirur Police Station, District-Pune, the Applicant is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount.
- ii) The Applicant shall not enter Taluka – Shirur, District-Pune, except for attending the Police Station, if called.
- iii) The Applicant shall attend the Alankar Police Station, District – Pune once in fifteen days i.e. on first and third Sunday between 11:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m. till conclusion of the trial. The Police Inspector of Alankar Police Station, District-Pune to communicate details thereof

to the Investigating Officer.

iv) The Applicant shall furnish his cell phone number and residential address to the Investigating Officer and shall keep the same updated, in case of any change thereto.

v) The Applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat, or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade such a person from disclosing the facts to the Court or to any Police personnel.

vi) The Applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence and shall not contact or influence the Complainant or any witness in any manner.

12. The Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of accordingly.

[MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.]