

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

Anticipatory Bail Application No.294 of 2025

Siddharth Kumar Singh
Age: 30 yrs, Occ: Job
R/at Room No.L2,
12 floor, MHADA bldg,
Shantinagar, Mira Road East
Thane-401107

... Applicant.

Vs.

1. The State of Maharashtra
(at the instance of Kashimira Police
Station, vide CR No.620/2024)

2. Madhuri Mahavir Singh
Age: adult, Occ: job
Add: MHADA bldg,
Poonam Cluster, Mira Road (E)
Thane.

... Respondents.

Mr Vishal Khetre for the applicant.
Mr SS Pednekar, APP for the respondent / State.
Mr Sushant Mishra a/w Rohit Upadhyay for the intervenor.
PSI Sharad Khade, Kashimira Police Station.

**Coram : R.N.Laddha, J.
Date : 18 July 2025.**

P.C. :

By this application, the applicant seeks pre-arrest bail

in connection with CR No.620 of 2024, registered at Kashimira Police Station, for offences punishable under Sections 85, 352, 351(3), 316(2) and 115(2) read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. The prosecution alleges that the applicant, who is the informant's husband, along with his family members, subjected the informant to mental and physical cruelty and did not return her 'Streedhan'.

3. The learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant asserts the applicant's innocence and contends that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the crime. He submits that the applicant has cooperated with the investigation and attended the concerned Police Station. He highlights that there is a delay in lodging the FIR. Furthermore, the investigation has concluded, nothing remains to be recovered or discovered from the applicant, and a charge sheet has already been filed. The learned Counsel further submits that the applicant has no criminal antecedents and is willing to comply with any conditions this Court imposes.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing respondent No.1/ State, and the learned Counsel appearing for respondent No.2/ informant, jointly oppose the applicant's request for pre-arrest bail. They further submit that the offence is of a serious. The applicant harassed and tortured the informant for dowry demands. The learned APP, on instructions from the investigating officer, who is present in the Court, however, fairly acknowledges that the investigation has concluded, nothing is to be recovered or discovered from the applicant, and the charge has already been filed. The learned APP submits that if the Court is inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the applicant, appropriate conditions may be imposed.

5. Upon perusing the records, it appears that the present crime stems from a matrimonial dispute. The learned APP acknowledges that the investigation has concluded, culminating in a charge sheet, and nothing remains to be recovered or discovered at the applicant's behest. The co-accused in this case have already been granted bail. Furthermore, the applicant has no criminal antecedents, and he undertakes to abide by any conditions imposed by this Court. Given the circumstances, this Court finds it

appropriate to grant the application. Accordingly, the application is allowed on the following terms :

- (i) In the event of the applicant's arrest in connection with CR No.620 of 2024, registered at Kashimira Police Station, he shall be released on bail upon executing a PR Bond of Rs.25,000/- and furnishing one or more sureties in the like amount.
- (ii) The applicant shall attend the trial Court regularly and shall cooperate for the expeditious disposal of the trial.
- (iii) The applicant, himself or through any other person, shall not tamper with the evidence or influence witnesses.

6. The application stands disposed of accordingly.

[R. N. Laddha, J.]