

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.380/2025

RAJESH DATTATRAY SALUNKHE ...APPLICANT
VS
STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANR ...RESPONDENTS

**WITH
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.371/2025**

VIRENDRA NARAYAN WANKHEDE AND ANR ...APPLICANTS
VS
STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANR ...RESPONDENTS

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Adv. Bhushan Raut for the Applicants.

Adv. Anand S. Shalgaonkar, APP for the Respondent State in ABA/380/2025.

Adv. Nitin B. Patil, APP for the Respondent State in ABA/371/2025.

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CORAM : RAJESH S. PATIL, J.

DATED : MARCH 25, 2025

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1. The learned APP points out that in the present proceedings now, the provisions of Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act have been invoked on 2 March 2025. Therefore, the applicants have to seek pre-arrest bail from the Sessions Court if he so desired.

2. The learned counsel for the applicants, on instructions of the applicants, seeks liberty to withdraw the present anticipatory bail

applications and approach the Sessions Court for pre-arrest bail. He submits that since the matter has not been heard on merits, no adverse inference should be drawn by the Sessions Court and the matter be heard on merits.

3. **Anticipatory bail applications are disposed off as not pressed.** Applicants are at liberty to approach the Sessions Court for pre-arrest bail.

4. This Court has not decided these anticipatory bail applications on merits and therefore, all issues on merits are kept open.

(RAJESH S. PATIL, J.)