

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.520 OF 2025

Atul Ravi Khapre	...Applicant
Vs	
State Of Maharashtra	...Respondent

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Mr. Laxman R. Shahapur a/w. Mr. B. Meti i/b. Ms. Monisa Usmani,
advocate for the applicant.

Mr. Ajay Patil, APP for the State.

Mr. Sagar Bhapkar, Park Site Police Station present.

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CORAM : RAJESH S. PATIL, J.

DATED : MARCH 20, 2025

P.C.:

1. The learned Advocate for the Applicant seeks liberty to amend the Anticipatory Bail Applications and add the First Informant as a party Respondent No.2. Liberty is granted, as prayed for.
2. Amendment to be carried within one week from today.
3. It is made clear that if the amendment is not carried out, the anticipatory bail application will stand dismissed without further reference to this Court.
4. The learned APP is directed to serve copy of the Application on Respondent No.2 through Investigating Officer.
5. This is an application under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 for having the protection of pre-arrest

bail in connection with the crime vide C.R. NO.68 of 2025 dated 29.01.2025 registered with Parksite Police Station, Gr. Mumbai for the offences punishable under Section 108 of the Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023.

6. The prosecution's case is that the informant's 17-year-old daughter was in a relationship with the present applicant. Both were residing in the same locality. The said girl committed suicide on 23 January 2025. The informant, therefore, filed a complaint on the ground that due to the harassment by the present applicant, his daughter was compelled to commit suicide. An FIR to that effect was registered.

7. The learned advocate for the applicant submits that the applicant is an 18-year-old student studying in the 12th standard and, due to the unfortunate incident, was unable to appear for his 12th standard examination. He submits that there was no intention on the part of the applicant to abet the suicide of the victim. The applicant never anticipated that the victim would take such an extreme step merely because he was unable to continue the relationship with her and had entered into a relationship with another girl. The applicant made efforts to convince the victim not to take any extreme steps and even called the victim's neighbors to help dissuade her. One of the neighbors also attempted to counsel the victim. However, despite these efforts, the

victim tragically committed suicide on 23 January 2025.

8. The learned advocate for the applicant further submits that the applicant is willing to hand over his mobile phone to the investigating officer and is also ready to perform social service at a government hospital. The details of the said hospital will be provided on the next date of the hearing.

9. Stand over to **1 April 2025** under the caption “**For Urgent Circulation**”.

10. In the meanwhile, the present applicant is directed to attend the concerned police station on 26 March 2025 and 27 March 2025 between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The applicant will also hand over his mobile phone along with its password, and disclose details of other applications used on the phone along with their respective passwords. In the meanwhile, no coercive steps be taken against the applicant, till the next date of the hearing.

(RAJESH S. PATIL, J.)