

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

Anticipatory Bail Application No. 1397 of 2025

1. Abhijit Suresh Jadhav
Aged 60 years, Occ. Business,

2. Soniya Abhijit Jadhav
Aged 53 years, Occ. Business,
having their address situated at
Kanchunjanga Apartment,
7/2, Plot No.86, Erandwane,
Pune – 411 004.

... Applicants

versus

The State of Maharashtra
Through Sr. Inspector of Police,
Vile Parle Police Station, to be served
through Public Prosecutor, Sessions
Court, Mumbai.

...Respondent

Mr Gaurav Sharma (through VC) a/w Mr Nagraj Tarade, for
the Applicants.

Mr Prashant Jadhav, APP, for Respondent / State.
PSI John Pandian Pillai (Pairavi), Vile Parle Police Station,
Mumbai, is present.

Coram: R.N. Laddha, J.

Date: 28 July 2025

P.C.:

. Heard Mr Gaurav Sharma, the learned Counsel appearing

on behalf of the applicants and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the respondent / State.

2. By this application, the applicants seek pre-arrest bail in connection with C.R. No.896 of 2024, registered at Vile Parle Police Station, Mumbai, for the offences punishable under Sections 406 and 420 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. At the outset, the learned APP, on instructions, apprises the Court that the investigation in the present matter has been concluded. He submits that there is no further necessity for any recovery or discovery from the applicants. The prosecution is in the process of filing the charge sheet before the competent Court. Additionally, the learned APP fairly concedes that, in compliance with the directions issued by this Court vide order dated 23 June 2025, the applicants have attended the concerned police station and cooperated with the investigation.

4. Upon a perusal of the case records, it is evident that there has been a considerable delay in the registration of the present FIR. The underlying dispute *prima facie* appears to be of a civil nature. As noted, the investigation has been complete and there is nothing further to be recovered or discovered from the applicants. The prosecution is in the process of filing the charge sheet. The learned APP, in all fairness, submits that the custodial

interrogation of the applicants is not warranted at this stage.

5. In view of the above, the application is allowed on the following terms.

(i) In the event of the applicants' arrest in connection with CR No.896 of 2024, registered at Vile Parle Police Station, Mumbai, they shall be released on bail upon executing a PR Bond of Rs.25,000/- each and furnishing one or more sureties in the like amount.

(ii) The applicants, themselves or through any other person, shall not indulge in any activities that would tamper the prosecution evidence or influence the witnesses.

6. The application stands disposed of accordingly.

(R.N. Laddha, J.)