

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

Anticipatory Bail Application No. 1456 of 2025

Anil Shivaji Gunvare

... Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

... Respondents

Mr Satyavrat Joshi i/b Mr Samay Pawar, for the Applicant.

Mr Pankaj Deokar, APP, for Respondent / State.

Ms Komal Sinha, for Respondent No.2 (through Legal Aid).

Coram: R.N. Laddha, J.

Date: 25 June 2025

P.C.:

. The learned Counsel for the applicant submits that, owing to financial difficulties, the applicant had availed a private loan from the complainant, who is personally known to him. The loan was advanced on the condition that interest would be paid at the rate of 5% per month. The applicant has duly and regularly paid the interest and has fully repaid the principal amount. However, the complainant is now unlawfully demanding an additional amount and has been threatening the applicant that, in the event of non payment, she would consume poison and falsely implicate him in a criminal case. The learned Counsel further submits that the complainant has forcefully taken possession of the applicant's vehicles. The

complainant and her family members are involved in illegal money lending activities. The applicant had earlier lodged a non-cognizable complaint on 9 April 2025 and had also submitted a written complaint on 29 March 2025, alleging threats and unlawful demands by the complainant. The learned Counsel also points out that the co-accused has also filed an FIR against the complainant for the offences punishable under Sections 351(3), 351(2), 308(3), and 308(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. He further submits that the complainant has now filed false and frivolous complaint against the applicant as a counterblast to the earlier complaints and to settle personal scores. The learned Counsel submits that the applicant is ready and willing to cooperate with the investigation. The learned Counsel also draws attention to the fact that the co-accused have already been granted ad-interim protection by this Court vide order dated 18 June 2025.

2. The learned APP seeks an accommodation on the count of absence of the investigating officer.
3. By consent, stand over to 21 July 2025.
4. There shall not be any coercive action against the applicant in the present crime till the next date.

(R.N. Laddha, J.)