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

Anticipatory Bail Application No.1506 of 2025

Nitin Bhimrao Kharat

... Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Mr Priyal G Sarda, a/w. Mr Rajesh Ranglani, i/b. Ms Seema Dighe, for the applicant.

Mr Anand Shalgaonkar, APP, for the respondent/ State.

API AB Koli, Pusegaon Police Station, Satara, is present.

Coram: R.N. Laddha, J.

Date: 21 July 2025.

P.C.:

. The learned Counsel for the applicant submits that the only allegation against the applicant is that he was present in the company of accused No.1 and other co-accused at the time of the incident. Furthermore, the offences punishable under Sections 78(2), 352, 118(1) and 115(2) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, do not, by any stretch of interpretation, apply to the present applicant, as there are no specific allegations suggesting that he was involved in any act of stalking, physical assault, or causing any harm to any person. The applicant is

ready and willing to surrender his mobile phone and cooperate with the investigation.

2. The learned Counsel also seeks leave to implead the first informant (XYZ) as party respondent to this application. Leave granted as prayed for. Necessary amendment shall be carried out forthwith. After the amendment is carried out, issue notice to the newly added respondent. The Investigating Officer to serve the notice.

3. By consent, stand over to **25 August 2025**. In the meantime, the applicant shall attend the concerned police station on 23rd, 24th and 25th July 2025 between 11.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m., surrender his mobile phone, and cooperate with the investigation. There shall not be any coercive action against the applicant in the present crime until the next date.

(R.N. Laddha, J.)