

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

Anticipatory Bail Application No. 1509 of 2025

Jayesh Kaluram Bhagat

... Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Mr Sahil S Morey a/w Mr Swastik D Rathod and Mr Ashish Vernekar, for the Applicant.

Mr Yogesh Y Dabke, APP, for Respondent / State.

Coram: R.N. Laddha, J.

Date: 18 June 2025

P.C.:

. The learned Counsel for the applicant submits that the vehicle in question has already been seized by the investigating agency. The applicant purchased the said vehicle from one Yash More for valid consideration, and there are no allegations suggesting that the applicant procured the vehicle through deceit or misrepresentation. The learned Counsel also points out that a challan was issued against the said vehicle bearing registration number MH46-R-0597 in the year 2023, which clearly indicates that the number plate existed prior to the applicant's purchase, thereby ruling out any possibility of tampering or forgery on his part. The vehicle remains in the custody of the investigating agency. Moreover, the applicant

has cooperated with the investigation and has duly appeared before the concerned investigating officer pursuant to the notice issued under Section 207 of the M. V. Act.

2. The learned APP seeks time to take instructions as the investigating officer is not present and assures the Court that the applicant will not be arrested in the present crime till the next date.

3. By consent, stand over to 21 July 2025.

(R.N. Laddha, J.)