

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1525 OF 2025

Rahul A. Gangurde

...Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra & Anr.

...Respondents.

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Mr. Taukeer Siddiquee a/w. Mr. Abhishek Mishra, Adv. Karan Bhansali, Adv. Raveen Palekar and Adv. Shivam Chitlarga for the Applicant.

Mrs. Rutuja Ambekar, APP for the Respondent/State.

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CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 17.12.2025.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for anticipatory bail.
2. The applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No. 159 of 2025 registered at Vanrai Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 74, 76, 79, 115(2) and 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. The first informant is the widow of the Applicant's Late elder brother. It is the case of the prosecution that the first informant resides as a licensee in the flat owned by the Applicant. It is alleged that on the date of incident, dispute arose between the applicant and first informant on account of non-payment of rent and during the said dispute, it is alleged that the applicant had outraged the modesty of the first informant as well as threatened her. Accordingly, the present crime was registered.

4. I have heard the learned counsel appearing for the applicant and the learned APP for the respondent / State.

5. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that since the first informant was not paying the rent, the applicant had issued a notice calling upon her to pay the rent. It is submitted that, in order to avoid payment of rent and with an intention to grab the flat belonging to the applicant, a false FIR came to be lodged against the applicant. It is submitted that there is no need of custodial interrogation and the applicant is ready and willing to cooperate in the investigation.

6. On the other hand, learned APP for the respondent/State submits that considering the nature of crime, the applicant may not be released on anticipatory bail.

7. I have perused the first information report. *Prima-facie* there appears to be substance in the submission of the learned counsel for the applicant. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to release the applicant on anticipatory bail. In the result the following order is passed.

ORDER

A) The Application is allowed.

B) In the event of arrest of the applicant in C.R. No. 159

of 2025 registered at Vanrai Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 74, 76, 79, 115(2) and 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, he be released on bail on executing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety or two sureties in the like amount.

C) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when called and shall co-operate in the investigation.

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]