

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.1568 OF 2025

Amol Chandrakant Patil	...Applicant
<i>Versus</i>	
The State of Maharashtra	...Respondent

Mr. Pritam P. Runwal, for the Applicant.
Ms. S.M. Yadav, APP, for the Respondent-State.
Mr. Kailas R. Khaire, Head Constable, attached to Chandwad Police Station, Nashik (Rural), present.

CORAM: MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.
DATED : 15th DECEMBER 2025

PC:-

1. Heard Mr. Runwal, learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant and Ms. Yadav, learned APP appearing for the Respondent-State.

2. By the present Application, the Applicant is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with C.R.No.424 of 2024 registered on 31st October 2024 for the offences punishable under Sections 123, 223, 274, 275 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (“**BNS**”) and under Sections 26(2)(i), 26(2)(iv), 27(3)(d), 27(3)(e) 30(2)(a)

and 3(1)(zz)(iv) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (“FSSA”) with Chandwad Police Station, District – Nashik Rural.

3. As per the prosecution case the Applicant was dealing with contraband material i.e. Gutkha, Pan Masala and Tobacco.

4. It is the submission of Mr. Runwal, learned Counsel for the Applicant that except the offence under Section 123 of BNS, all other offences are bailable offences. He submits that as far as Section 123 of BNS is concerned, the Supreme Court is considering the applicability of Section 328 of IPC (i.e. Section 123 of BNS) to the similar cases. He further states that there are no other antecedents. He therefore, states that the Anticipatory Bail be granted.

5. On the other hand, Ms. Yadav, learned APP strongly opposes the Anticipatory Bail Application. She submits that the offence is very serious and therefore, the Anticipatory Bail Application be rejected. She further states that there are no other antecedents.

6. Ms. Yadav, learned APP submits that if this Court is inclined to grant Anticipatory Bail then the Applicant be directed to give

undertaking in terms of order of the Supreme Court in the case of *Abhijit Jitendra Lolage vs State of Maharashtra*¹ and more particularly relies on following condition imposed by the Supreme Court in case of similar offences :-

*“It is deemed appropriate to impose the condition – “I, Abhijeet Jitendra Lolage do undertake to **not deal with Gutkha, that is, Pan Masala with Tobacco**”. In case, the appellant – Abhijeet Jitendra Lolage **violates the terms and conditions of bail, including the undertaking imposed, it would be open to the prosecution to seek cancellation of bail**”.*

(Emphasis added)

Mr. Runwal, learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant, after taking instructions submits that the Applicant will give the undertaking.

7. The Supreme Court in the said order has imposed the above condition in case of similar offence.

8. Perusal of the record shows that except the offence under Section 123 of BNS the other offences are bailable offences. The

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issue whether Section 328 of IPC will apply to similar cases is pending before the Supreme Court. As the Applicant is ready to give the undertaking that they will not deal with Gutkha and Tobacco products in any manner whatsoever, the case is made out for grant of Anticipatory Bail.

9. In view thereof, the following order is passed:

ORDER

- (a) In the event of arrest of the Applicant - Amol Chandrakant Patil in connection with C.R. No.424 of 2024 registered with the Chandwad Police Station, District – Nashik Rural the Applicant is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.1,00,000/- each with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount.
- (b) The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station once in a month till filing of the chargesheet and shall cooperate with the investigation.
- (c) The Applicant to furnish undertakings to the effect that he will not deal with banned products i.e. Gutkha, Pan Masala with Tobacco products in any

manner whatsoever. Such undertaking is to be filed in this Court within a period of two weeks from today. The Applicant to strictly comply with the said undertaking.

- (d) The Applicant shall furnish his cell phone number and residential address to the Investigating Officer and shall keep the same updated, in case of any change thereto.
- (e) The Applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat, or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade such a person from disclosing the facts to the Court or to any Police personnel.
- (f) The Applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence and shall not contact or influence the Complainant or any witness in any manner.
- (g) The Applicant shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.
- (h) In case, the Applicant violates the terms and conditions of bail, including the undertaking, it would

be open to the prosecution to seek cancellation of bail.

10. The Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of accordingly.

[MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.]