

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.1666 OF 2025

Mrs. Kailash Devi Parasmal Lodha	... Applicant
V/s.	
The State of Maharashtra & Anr.	... Respondents

Mr. Ashok M. Saraogi, Priti Rao for the Applicant.
 Mr. B. V. Holambe Patil, APP for Respondent No.1-State.
 Ms. Misbaah Amin Solkar h/f Amin Solkar a/w Harshal Suryawanshi for
 Respondent No.2-first informant.
 PI Milind Nagpure, Borivali PS is present.

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.

DATE : 14TH OCTOBER 2025

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P.C. :

1. This is an Application for anticipatory bail.
2. The Applicant is apprehending her arrest in Crime No.422 of 2024 registered with Bangur Nagar Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 406, 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
3. The first informant is a timber merchant. The allegations against the Applicant and co-accused are that they made the first informant to supply them teak wood worth Rs.1,50,00,000/- and cheated him to the tune of Rs.88,50,002/-.

4. I have heard Learned Counsel for the Applicant, Learned APP for Respondent No.1-State and Learned Counsel for Respondent No.2-first informant.

5. Learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that the Applicant has nothing to do with the alleged transaction in respect of sale of teak wood. It is submitted that the same was done by the son of the Applicant, who is the co-accused in the present crime. It is submitted that dispute, if any, is of civil in nature. It is submitted that there is no need of custodial interrogation. It is further submitted that the prosecution has already filed chargesheet against the co-accused.

6. On the other hand, Learned APP for Respondent No.1-State and Learned Counsel for Respondent No.2-first informant submit that the teak wood was supplied to the proprietary concern of the present Applicant. It is submitted that even the cheques were issued from the bank account of the present Applicant. It is further submitted that the Applicant and other co-accused are involved in one more crime of similar nature. It is submitted that to recover the teak wood, custodial interrogation of the Applicant is necessary. It is submitted that considering the nature of crime, the Applicant may not be released on anticipatory bail.

7. I have perused the First Information Report. The main allegations are made against the son of the present Applicant. Even the cheques were handed over to the first informant by the son of the present Applicant. *Prima facie*, the dispute between the parties appears to be of civil in

nature. The prosecution has already filed chargesheet against the co-accused. In that view of the matter, I am inclined to release the Applicant on anticipatory bail. Hence, the following order:

ORDER

- i. The Anticipatory Bail Application is allowed.
 - ii. In the event of the arrest of the Applicant in Crime No.422 of 2024 registered with Bangur Nagar Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 406, 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, she shall be released on bail on furnishing a PR Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) with one or two sureties in the like amount.
8. The present Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(N.R. BORKAR, J.)