

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

Anticipatory Bail Application No.1716 of 2025

Shailesh Khetsi Hariya Applicant.

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra Respondent.

Ms Padma Shelatkar for the applicant.

Mr YY Dabke, APP for respondent/State.

Mr Yousuf Khan for the intervenor.

API Vivek Pawar, Mahim police station.

Coram : R.N.Laddha, J.

Date : 26 June 2025.

P.C. :

The learned Counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been in continuous and peaceful possession of the disputed shop premises for the past fifteen years. He further submits that there has been an inordinate and unexplained delay in lodging the FIR. According to him, this delay casts serious doubt on the veracity and *bona fides* of the allegations made in the FIR. Moreover, the dispute in question is predominantly civil in nature, arising out of issues related to possession and ownership, rather than

constituting a cognizable criminal offence warranting police investigation.

2. Mr Yousuf Khan appears on behalf of the first informant and seeks time to file the intervention application.

3. By consent stand over to **31 July 2025**.

4. There shall not be any coercive action against the applicant in the present crime till the next date.

[R. N. Laddha, J.]