

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.1723 OF 2025

Raju Balasaheb Kamble ... Applicant
V/s.
State of Maharashtra & Anr. ... Respondents

Mr. Shailesh D. Chavan a/w Sachin Pawar a/w Hrishikesh S. Avhad for the Applicant.

Ms. R. D. Humane, APP for Respondent No.1-State.

Mr. Piyush P. Hushing a/w Gitanjali B. Harihar for Respondent No.2.

Mr. Deepak L. Gaikwad, Police Sub Inspector, Dadar Police Station is present.

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CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 24TH SEPTEMBER 2025

PC. :

1. This is an Application for anticipatory bail.
2. The Applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No.202 of 2025, registered with Dadar Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 8, 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and Section 74 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. I have heard Learned Counsel for the Applicant, Learned APP for Respondent No.1-State and Learned Counsel for Respondent No.2-Victim.
4. Learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that according to the prosecution on the date of incident, which took place on 24th April 2025,

the present Applicant had called the victim to one restaurant and there he forcibly kissed her. It is submitted that there was a love affair between the present Applicant and the victim. It is submitted that the Applicant is preparing for civil services examination and his arrest would adversely affect his career. It is submitted that nothing is to be recovered at the instance of the present Applicant and therefore there is no need of custodial interrogation.

5. On the other hand, Learned APP for Respondent No.1-State and Learned Counsel for Respondent No.2-Victim submit that considering the nature of allegations, the Applicant may not be released on anticipatory bail.

6. I have perused the WhatsApp chat placed on record. It appears that the Applicant and victim were in love relationship. There is no need of custodial interrogation. There are no criminal antecedents against the Applicant. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, 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.202 of 2025, registered with Dadar Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 8, 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and Section 74 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, he 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.

- iii. The Applicant shall not contact the victim.
 - iv. The Applicant shall not enter into the limits of suburban district of Mumbai, except to attend the dates before the trial court.
7. The Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(N.R. BORKAR, J.)