

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.1947 OF 2025

Niraj Kumar .. Applicant
Versus
Central Bureau Of Investigation ACB, Mumbai
And Anr. .. Respondents

WITH
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.2112 OF 2025

Rajiv Ranjan Umeshkumar Sinha .. Applicant
Versus
Central Bureau Of Investigation ACB, Mumbai
And Anr. .. Respondents

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- Mr. Subhash Jha a/w. Mr. Sidharth Jha, Mr. Sumeet Upadhyay, Mr. Ashish Saxena, Mr. Chetan Gogawale and Ms. Sweta Patel, Advocates i/by Law Juris for Applicants.
 - Mr. Amit Munde, S.P.P. a/w. Mr. Jai Vohra, Advocate for CBI, ACB (Mumbai).
 - Mr. J.K. Sharma, Sr. P.P. for CBI.
 - Mr. Y.Y. Dabke, APP for Respondent No.2 – State of Maharashtra.
 - Mr. Devendra Gautam, Inspector of Police, CBI Officer present.
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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : AUGUST 22, 2025

P.C.:

- 1.** Heard Mr. Jha, learned Advocate for Applicants; Mr. Amit Munde, learned S.P.P. for CBI, ACB (Mumbai), Mr. Sharma, learned Senior P.P for C.B.I. and Mr. Dabke, learned APP for Respondent No.2 – State of Maharashtra.
- 2.** These Anticipatory Bail Applications are listed at serial

No.902 on Supplementary Board today.

3. They are matters which are transferred from the alternate Court from this Court in view of order of 'Not before me'.

4. Mr. Jha, learned Advocate representing the Applicants expresses his apprehension. He and learned S.P.P. for the Central Bureau of Investigation (C.B.I.) Mr. Munde appearing for Central Bureau of Investigation would candidly submit that Applicants had appeared for interrogation in the past but according to the prosecution they have evaded giving answers to the questions put by the prosecution and also destroyed one mobile phone containing incriminating material.

5. Mr. Munde would submit that his instructions are to oppose grant of Anticipatory Bail Applications and seek custody of Applicants. It is also informed to the Court that matters were argued before the previous Bench on several occasions but due to several exigencies the matters are now listed before this Court.

6. Mr. Munde persuades the Court to hear the matters finally if possible. Equally, Mr. Jha is also ready and willing.

7. In that view of the matter, this Court proposes to hear the present Anticipatory Bail Applications on the next adjourned date.

8. In the meanwhile, no coercive steps shall be taken against

Applicants by prosecution. If prosecution desires Applicants to participate in any investigation they shall be free to call upon Applicants to attend office of the prosecution at reasonable hours for the same and the Applicants shall attend investigation. It is clarified that they shall not be arrested.

9. In order to avoid any difficulty to prosecution / Central Bureau of Investigation the prosecution Officer shall provide the date and time with adequate notice to the Advocate of Applicants and Applicants are directed to ensure that they comply with the attendance.

10. Stand over to **04th September, 2025**. To be placed under the caption '**First on Board**'.

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[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]

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