

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

Anticipatory Bail Application No.1992 of 2025

Gautam Chandrakant Sharandaur
Age: 38 yrs, Occ: business
R/at Shahad Road, Behind Prakash
Wines, Ulhasnagar-421001
Dist. Thane.

... Applicant.

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra
(at the instance of PI
Ulhasnagar Police Station CR
No.I 358/2025)

... Respondent.

Mr Mahesh Funde, for the applicant.
Mr Anand Shalgaonkar, APP for the respondent / State.
API PK Geete, I.O., Ulhasnagar police station.

**Coram : R.N.Laddha, J.
Date : 21 July 2025.**

P.C. :

By this application, the applicant seeks pre-arrest bail in connection with CR No.358 of 2025, registered at Ulhasnagar Police Station, Thane, for offences punishable under Sections 118(1), 118(2) and 324(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that on 11.04.2025, at about 10:00 p.m. near Paliwal dairy, the applicant along with the co-accused, formed an unlawful assembly and assaulted the informant with a wooden log.

3. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant asserts the applicant's innocence and contends that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the present case, with no credible evidence to substantiate the allegations against him. The applicant has been dragged into the proceedings maliciously, particularly in light of the fact that the applicant had lodged an FIR against the present informant, which raises serious doubts about the *bona fides* of the current accusations. Furthermore, it is an admitted position that the weapon allegedly used in the crime was already recovered and during the pendency of the anticipatory bail application before the Sessions Court, the applicant has attended the police station and cooperated with the investigation and there remains no recovery or discovery to be made from the applicant. Lastly, the learned Counsel submits that the investigation in the matter has already been concluded and the custodial interrogation of the applicant is not at all necessary.

4. The learned APP representing respondent/State, on instructions from the investigating officer fairly submits that the investigation in the present case has been concluded and the prosecution is in process of filing the charge sheet. During the pendency of the anticipatory bail application before the Sessions Court, the applicant has attended the concerned police station and cooperated with the investigation. The weapon used in the crime has also been recovered and the prosecution does not want the custody of the applicant.

5. Upon perusing the records, it appears that the applicant also lodged an FIR against the informant. The weapon allegedly used in the crime has already been recovered and there remains no further recovery or discovery to be made from the applicant. The investigation in this matter has been concluded and the prosecution does not seek the custody of the applicant.

6. In light of the foregoing, this Court deems it appropriate to allow the application. Accordingly the application is allowed on the following terms.

ORDER

(i) In the event of the applicant's arrest in connection with CR No.358 of 2025, registered at Ulhasnagar Police Station, Thane, he shall be released on bail upon executing a PR Bond of Rs.25,000/- and furnishing one or more sureties in the like amount.

(ii) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required by the investigating officer till filing of the charge sheet.

(iii) The applicant, himself or through any other person, shall not indulge in any activities that may tamper with the evidence or influence witnesses.

7. The application stands disposed of accordingly.

[R. N. Laddha, J.]