

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

Anticipatory Bail Application No.2157 of 2025

Bramhand Balasaheb Panchal
Aged about 26 years, Occ. Contractor
R/at Limbgaon, Jawalgaon, Beed,
Maharashtra 431517

... Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra
(At the instance of Hadapsar
Police Station)

... Respondent

Mr Akshay Shetty i/by AVC & Associates, for the applicant.
Mr SV Walve, APP, for the respondent/ State.
API Jaujal, Hadapsar Police Station, Pune City.

**Coram: R.N. Laddha, J.
Date: 5 August 2025**

P.C.:

By this application, the applicant seeks pre-arrest bail in connection with CR No.332 of 2025, registered at Hadapsar Police Station, Pune City, for offences punishable under Sections 140(2), 115(2), and 352 read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. According to the prosecution, on 25 March 2025, when the informant and his brother-in-law, Deepak Joshi, were at Royal Moment Banquet Hall in Hadapsar, Pune, the applicant

and the co-accused approached them, claiming to work for Ajay Kadam. They demanded money over unpaid compensation to investors, verbally abused and assaulted them, and forcibly took them in a white Fortuner. The accused then drove them through Manjari, Wagholi, and Vadhu areas, continuing the abuse during the journey.

3. The learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant, asserting the applicant's innocence, contends that he has been falsely implicated in the crime. He submits that the allegations against the FIR are general and lack specific details. The car allegedly used in the crime has already been seized, and nothing remains to be recovered or discovered from the applicant. The learned Counsel further submits that the co-accused have been released on bail, and the applicant is ready to abide by any conditions this Court imposes if granted pre-arrest bail.

4. At the outset, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the respondent/ State, on instructions from the investigating officer who is present in the Court, submits that the investigation is almost complete, nothing remains to be recovered or discovered from the applicant, and the prosecution does not seek the applicant's custody. However, he expresses concern about potential evidence tampering and witness influence if the applicant is granted pre-arrest bail.

5. Upon perusing the records, it appears that the alleged incident occurred in March 2025. The vehicle allegedly used in the crime has already been recovered. The learned APP, on instructions, informs this Court that the investigation is nearing completion, and nothing is to be recovered or discovered from the applicant. Further, the prosecution does not require the applicant's custody, indicating there is no implied objection to granting pre-arrest bail to the applicant. In these circumstances, this Court is inclined to exercise its discretion in favour of the applicant. Hence, the following order:

ORDER

- (i) In the event of the applicant's arrest in CR No.332 of 2025, registered at Hadapsar Police Station, Pune City, he shall be released on pre-arrest bail upon executing a PR Bond of Rs.25,000/- and furnishing one or more sureties in the like amount.
- (ii) The applicant, himself or through any other person, shall not tamper with the evidence or influence witnesses.
- (iii) The applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when required.

6. The application stands disposed of accordingly.

(R.N. Laddha, J.)