

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2634 OF 2025**

Rehan Iqrar Ahmed Ansari	...Applicant
V/s.	
The State of Maharashtra	...Respondent

Mr. Taraq Sayed, Advocate for the Applicant.
Mr. Rutuja Ambekar, APP for the Respondent/State.

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 24.11.2025.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for Anticipatory Bail.
2. The applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No. 245 of 2025 registered at D. N. Nagar Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c), 22(c) & 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.
3. On 14.02.2025, on the basis of secret information, the co-accused in the present crime was apprehended and was found in possession of 52 grams of Mephedrone. During the course of interrogation, he revealed that the said contraband was purchased by him from the present applicant and the other co-accused, Sarfaraj Patel.
4. I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned APP for the respondent-State.

5. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has nothing to do with the alleged crime. It is submitted that except the statement of accused there is no other incriminating material against the applicant. It is submitted that the prosecution has already filed the charge-sheet against the co-accused. It is submitted that there are no other criminal antecedents against the applicant.

6. On the other hand, the learned APP for the respondent-State submits that the commercial quantity of Mephedrone was recovered from the co-accused and thus the present application may not be entertained in view of limitation provided under Section 37 of the NDPS Act. It is submitted that the custodial interrogation of the applicant is necessary to unearth the larger conspiracy. It is therefore submitted that the present application may not be entertained.

7. I have perused the charge-sheet and the case diary. On 14.02.2025 the co-accused has disclosed about the involvement of the present applicant in the crime in question. According to the prosecution, since the date of registration of crime, the applicant is absconding. Even assuming that, it was possible to take search of the house of the applicant, however, the same is not done. Except the statement of the co-accused, there is no other incriminating material against the present applicant. There are no other criminal antecedents against the applicant. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to release the applicant on anticipatory bail. In the result, the

following order is passed :

ORDER

- a) The Application is allowed.

- b) In the event of arrest of the applicant in connection with Crime No. 245 of 2025 registered at D. N. Nagar Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c), 22(c) & 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, the applicant be released on bail on furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs. 25,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

- c) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when called by the investigating officer and shall co-operate for the purpose of interrogation, if any.

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]