

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.2662 OF 2025

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Shankar Abhimanyu Gaikwad ...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr. Vikram R. Shinde (Through Video Conferencing), for the Applicant.

Mr. S. A. Karmarkar, APP, for the Respondent-State.

A.P.I. Anil Lohar, Pimpri Police Station, District-Pune, present.

CORAM: MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.

DATED: 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

PC:-

1. Heard Mr. Shinde, learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant and Mr. Karmarkar, learned APP for the Respondent-State of Maharashtra.

2. This is an Application filed under Section 482 of the *Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023*, seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with CR No.592 of 2024 registered with the Pimpri Police Station, Pimpri-Chinchwad, for the offences punishable under Sections 352, 392, 504 and 506 of the *Indian Penal Code, 1860* ("IPC").

3. As per the prosecution case, on 16th June 2024 at about 11:30 to 12:00 in the night hours, when the Informant was at parking place of society along with his friend—Anil, at that time the Applicant came there and caught his collar and pushed him and also snatched a gold chain.

4. It is the submission of Mr. Shinde, learned Counsel for the Applicant that, in fact the First Informant is a habitual offender and there are about 11 cases registered against him. He states that a learned Single Judge, by Order dated 3rd February 2025 passed in Anticipatory Bail Application No.3430 of 2024, has already granted interim protection to the Applicant and the said protection is continued till the disposal of the said Anticipatory Bail Application, which has been allowed to be withdrawn by Order dated 20th September 2025 passed by this Court, as the criminal antecedents have remained to be incorporated in the Anticipatory Bail Application.

5. As far as the criminal antecedents are concerned, Mr. Shinde, learned Counsel states that the offence is of the year 2019 being CR No.1093 of 2019. In that case also the Applicant has been

released on anticipatory bail. He submitted that the Applicant has completely cooperated with the investigation and has attended the Police Station for six times.

6. Mr. Karmarkar, learned APP, strongly opposes granting anticipatory bail. He submits that the Applicant is involved in the crime and the gold chain is not yet recovered.

7. The perusal of the record shows that the Applicant has been already granted protection by Order dated 3rd February 2025 which was in operation till 20th September 2025. There is nothing to indicate that the Applicant has not cooperated with the investigation.

8. It is the submission of the Applicant that the First Informant is habitual offender and there are about 11 cases pending against him.

9. As far as the antecedent is concerned i.e. C.R. No.523 of 2019 registered with the Pimpri Police Station, Pune under Section 384 r/w 34 of the IPC, it is submitted that the Applicant is not at

all involved in the said crime and the Applicant has been granted anticipatory bail by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Pune by Order dated 29th April 2019.

10. Accordingly, the case is made out for grant of anticipatory bail. In view thereof, the following Order:

ORDER

- (a) In the event of arrest of the Applicant - Shankar Abhimanyu Gaikwad, in connection with CR No.592 of 2024 registered with the Pimpri Police Station, Pimpri-Chinchwad, he be released on bail on his furnishing PR Bond in the sum of Rs.10,000/- with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount.
- (b) The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when called by the Investigating Officer till filing of the Charge-sheet and shall cooperate with the investigation.
- (c) The Applicant shall furnish his cell phone number and residential address to the Investigating Officer and

shall keep the same updated, in case of any change thereto.

- (d) The Applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat, or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade such a person from disclosing the facts to the Court or to any Police personnel.
- (e) The Applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence and shall not contact or influence the Complainant or any witness in any manner.

11. The Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of accordingly.

[MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.]