

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.2868 OF 2025**

Aavika Avinash Jadhav

... Applicant

V/s.

State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Mr. Virendra V. Pethe for the Applicant.

Mr. B. V. Holambe Patil, APP for the Respondent-State.

Mr. Rajkumar Mundhe, PSI, Wada PS, Palghar is present.

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.

DATE : 15TH OCTOBER 2025

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PC. :

1. This is an Application for anticipatory bail.
2. The Applicant is apprehending her arrest in Crime No.305 of 2025 registered with Wada Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 311, 307, 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 49, 62(2) and 25(4) of the Arms Act.
3. The present Applicant is the aunt of the first informant. According to the prosecution on the date of incident, which took place on 20th July 2025, the co-accused in the present crime, at the instance of the present Applicant, have assaulted the first informant by deadly weapons and attempted to commit his murder.
4. I have heard Learned Counsel for the Applicant and Learned APP for the Respondent-State.

5. Learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that the Applicant has nothing to do with the alleged crime. It is submitted that with ulterior motive false allegations are made against the Applicant. It is submitted that there is no need of custodial interrogation and the Applicant is ready and willing to cooperate in the investigation. It is further submitted that there are no criminal antecedents against the Applicant.

6. On the other hand, Learned APP for the Respondent-State submits that during interrogation the co-accused has disclosed that they were hired by the present Applicant to kill the first informant and she paid them Rs.8,000/-. It is submitted that considering the nature of crime, the Applicant may not be released on anticipatory bail.

7. The FIR was lodged against unknown persons. After one and half months of alleged incident, for the first time, the first informant in his supplementary statement had said that there was some sort of dispute between him and the Applicant. *Prima facie* the motive appears to be very weak. There are no criminal antecedents against the Applicant. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to release the Applicant on anticipatory bail. Hence, the following order:-

ORDER

- i. The Anticipatory Bail Application is allowed.
- ii. In the event of the arrest of the Applicant in Crime No.305 of 2025 registered with Wada Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 311, 307, 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 49, 62(2) and 25(4) of the Arms Act, she shall be released on bail on furnishing a PR

Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) with one or two sureties in the like amount.

- iii. The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when called for by the investigating officer and shall co-operate in the investigation.
- iv. The Applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence.
- v. Liberty is granted to file an application for cancellation of present anticipatory bail in case the Applicant commits breach of any of the above conditions.

8. The Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(N.R. BORKAR, J.)