

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.3018 OF 2025

Hetal Vishnubhai Shah

... Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Mr. Aashay B. Topiwala i/by Vrushabh Savla for the Applicant.

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

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.

DATE : 07TH NOVEMBER 2025

P.C. :

1. This is an Application for anticipatory bail.

2. The Applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No.293 of 2025 registered with M.H.B. Colony Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 79, 308(3), 351(3), 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. The first informant is a Secretary of Narayandas Permanand Cenetroium Trust. The allegations are of preparing forged documents in respect of property owned by the trust. It is alleged that the first informant was asked to settle the matters and when she refused, she was threatened, she was asked to pay Rs.1,00,000/- and she was abused in filthy language.

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 the Applicant is noway concerned with the alleged property dispute between the first informant and the co-accused. It is submitted that the allegations in relation to outraging of modesty and extortion are against the co-accused.

6. On the other hand, Learned APP for the Respondent-State submits that the first informant was forcibly taken to the place of incident and at that time, the applicant was accompanying the co-accused. It is submitted that the Applicant is involved in one more crime. It is submitted that considering the nature of crime, the Applicant may not be released on anticipatory bail.

7. I have perused the FIR. The allegations in relation to outraging modesty and extortion are against the co-accused. The motive for the alleged crime is attributed to the co-accused. It appears that nothing is to be recovered from the applicant and therefore, there is no need of custodial interrogation of 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.293 of

2025 registered with M.H.B. Colony Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 79, 308(3), 351(3), 61(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, he 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 commit any other offence.

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

(N.R. BORKAR, J.)