

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.3185 OF 2025

Lalsingh Bhimrao Chavan

... Applicant

V/s.

State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Ms. Vrushali L. Maindad a/w Kunal Rathod a/w Simran S. Raut for the Applicant.

Ms. Rutuja Ambekar, APP for the Respondent-State.

PSI Arjun P. Dandegaokar, Khadakpada PS is present.

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.

DATE : 08TH DECEMBER 2025

P.C. :

1. This is an Application for anticipatory bail.

2. The Applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No.670 of 2025 registered with Khadakpada Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 64(2)(m), 93 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Section 75 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Sections 4, 8, 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012.

3. It is the case of the prosecution that on 17th August 2025 at about 8.30 a.m., the complainant, who is the Police Patil of Barawe Gaon, received a call from a villager informing him that a newborn female child was found lying near a heap of garbage situated in front of a temple.

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Accordingly, the complainant, with the help of other villagers, took her to the hospital. During the course of the investigation, it was revealed that the victim in the present crime was in relationship with co-accused. It is alleged that out of the said relationship, the said female child was born to the victim. It is alleged that the present Applicant, who is the grandfather of the victim, had allegedly abandoned the said female child near the temple.

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 is a senior citizen. It is submitted that the Applicant has nothing to do with the alleged crime. It is further submitted that there are no other criminal antecedents against the present Applicant. It is submitted that nothing is to be recovered at the instance of the present Applicant and therefore there is no need of custodial interrogation.

6. On the other hand, Learned APP for the Respondent-State submits that the victim has seen the present Applicant placing the infant in a bag and carrying it away. It is submitted that the intention of the Applicant to harm the infant is evident from his act of abandoning her beside a heap of garbage. It is submitted that considering the nature of crime, the Applicant may not be released on anticipatory bail.

7. I have perused the papers of investigation and considering the nature of offence interacted with the victim in the chamber. In the peculiar 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.670 of 2025 registered with Khadakpada Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 64(2)(m), 93 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Section 75 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Sections 4, 8, 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012, 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.
8. The Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(N.R. BORKAR, J.)