

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.3023 OF 2025

Yash Sabhashankar Tiwari

... Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.4294 OF 2025
IN
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.3023 OF 2025**

Mr. Nitin Sejpai a/w Siddharth Gharat for the Applicant.

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

Ms. Aarti Rohit Dharmsey for the intervenor-first informant.

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.

DATE : 09TH DECEMBER 2025

P.C. :

1. This is an Application for anticipatory bail.
2. The Applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No.453 of 2025 registered with Vashi Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 115(2), 351(2), 352, 308(2), 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. It is the case of the prosecution that the first informant runs a Spa namely 'Lagoon Spa' at Vashi. On 31st December 2020 co-accused Siraj Chaudhary visited the Spa and showed an objectionable video clip to the first informant. Thereafter, Siraj told the first informant that the said video was recorded in his Spa. He further told the first informant that he is the

Editor of Maharashtra Crimes magazine and demanded Rs.50,000/- as well as Rs.12,000/- per month from the first informant as extortion amount for not lodging the police report. It is alleged that the first informant paid to him a total amount of Rs.6,24,000/- till 11th April 2025. Subsequently, Siraj introduced the first informant to the Applicant and threatened him to pay extortion amount to the Applicant as well. It is alleged that fearing for his life and business, the first informant transferred certain amount in the Applicant's account.

4. Learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that the Applicant has nothing to do with the alleged crime. It is submitted that the main allegations of extortion are against the co-accused. It is submitted that the Applicant came to be implicated in the present crime just because he was working with the co-accused.

5. On the other hand, Learned APP for the Respondent-State and Learned Counsel for the first informant submits that the Applicant is involved in serious offence of extortion. It is submitted that the Applicant extorted Rs.57,000/- from the first informant. 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.

6. The Learned Counsel for the Applicant, on instructions, submits that the Applicant, without prejudice to his rights and contentions, is willing to deposit Rs.57,000/-.

7. I have perused the FIR. The main allegations are against the co-accused Siraj Ahmed Idris Chaudhary and his son Wasim Ahmed Siraj Chaudhary. Considering the said fact, I am inclined to release the Applicant on anticipatory bail, subject to certain conditions. 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.453 of 2025 registered with Vashi Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 115(2), 351(2), 352, 308(2), 3(5) 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 not commit any other crime.
 - iv. The Applicant shall not enter into the limits of Vashi Police Station till conclusion of the trial.
 - v. The Applicant shall deposit the amount of Rs.57,000/- with the Registry of this Court within a period of three weeks.
8. The Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.
9. The Interim Application for intervention shall stand disposed of.

(N.R. BORKAR, J.)