



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1054 OF 2025

1. Parvatabai Magan Bhate
2. Sangita Bhimraj Bhate
VERSUS
The State Of Maharashtra

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- Ms. Rashmi S. Kulkarni, Advocate for Applicants
- Mr. AAA Khan, APP for Respondent - State

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CORAM : MEHROZ K. PATHAN, J.

DATED : 05.01.2026

PER COURT :

1. Heard learned counsel for the applicants and the learned APP for the respondent-State.
2. The applicants have approached this Court apprehending arrest in connection with FIR No. 0171 of 2025, dated 04.06.2025, registered with Kopargaon Rural Police Station, Taluka Kopargaon, District Ahilyanagar, for the offences punishable under Sections 80, 85 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. Learned counsel for the applicants submits that the husband and the father-in-law of the deceased Diksha were arrested and subsequently released on regular bail by this Court vide order dated 03.09.2025 passed in Bail Application No. 1339 of 2025. It is further

submitted that Applicant No. 1 – Parvatabai Magan Bhate is the grandmother of the husband of the deceased, whereas Applicant No. 2 – Sangita Bhimraj Bhate is the mother of the husband of the deceased. It is submitted that the applicants have no role to play in the alleged abetment of commission of suicide as alleged in the FIR. This Court, vide its order dated 30.06.2025, had protected the applicants, and pursuant thereto, the applicants have duly cooperated with the investigation and attended the concerned police station as directed by this Court on every Monday. It is further submitted that the applicants do not have any criminal antecedents and are ready and willing to abide by any further conditions that may be imposed by this Court.

4. The learned APP opposes the present application on the ground that the offence is serious in nature and relates to a case of dowry death. However, the learned APP fairly concedes that the applicants have attended the police station regularly and have cooperated with the investigation. Upon perusal of the investigation papers, it appears that prior to the death of the deceased, there were WhatsApp chat exchanged between the deceased and her brother. The said chats messages do not disclose any role attributed to the present applicants in the alleged offence. This Court, while granting regular bail to the husband and the father-in-law of the deceased,

had also taken note of the fact that even the husband and father-in-law cannot be said to have abetted the commission of suicide, as discernable from the contents of the said chats. Though the said observations are prima facie in nature, there is no reason why the same reasoning should not apply to the case of the present applicants. The charge-sheet has already been filed against the arrested accused. Since the applicants are attending the police station and are cooperating with the investigation, I am inclined to protect the present applicants. Hence, the following order :-

ORDER

- A) The Anticipatory Bail Application is allowed.
- B) The interim order dated 30.06.2025 is hereby confirmed on the same terms and conditions.
- C) The Applicants are directed to attend the concerned police station and report to the Investigating Officer as and when required for further investigations, if any.
- D) The Applicants shall also cooperate with the investigation.
- E) The Applicants shall not pressurize the prosecution witnesses and shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence, in any manner.
- F) The applicants shall furnish copies of his Aadhaar Card and PAN Card to the Investigating Officer along

with the addresses and mobile numbers of two nearest relatives.

5. Needless to say, violation of any of the aforesaid conditions may entitle the prosecution to seek cancellation of the interim relief granted herein above.

6. The observations made herein are prima facie in nature and shall not influence the trial Court or any other Court while deciding the case on its own merits.

7. In view of the above, the application stands disposed of.

8. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(MEHROZ K. PATHAN, J.)