



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

961 ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLN NO. 2288 OF 2025

**SURESH RUPA PAWAR
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA**

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Advocate for Applicant : Mrs.Pooja V.Langhe
APP for Respondent-State : Mr.P.D. Patil

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CORAM : MEHROZ K. PATHAN, J.

DATE : 24.03.2026

P.C. :

1] Heard the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned APP for the respondent-State.

2] The applicant has approached this Court seeking anticipatory bail in connection with FIR bearing Crime No.495/2025, registered with Raver Police Station for the offence punishable under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

3] The learned counsel for the applicant submits that FIR is only upon verification of panchnama of alleged demand made by the applicant. It is further submitted that after verification of the panchnama, the complainant did not turn up to the Anti Corruption Bureau for lodging the

FIR against the present applicant for about 14 months. There is delay of 14 months in lodging the FIR and the FIR is also not lodged by the complainant but by the Police Inspector, Smt.Smita D. Navghare without there being any complaint by the complainant, namely, Sattar Tadvī and the said FIR is lodged after lapse of 14 months. The learned counsel for the applicant further submits that this Court, vide order dated 24th December, 2025, had protected the present applicant on the condition that the applicant shall attend the concerned police station and co-operate with the investigation. The learned counsel for the applicant further submits that the applicant has attended the police station and has co-operated with the investigation. The voice sample of the applicant is also taken by the Investigating Officer. Thus, nothing remains to be investigated from the applicant.

4] The learned APP fairly submits that the investigation as regards the present applicant is already complete and necessary steps are being taken by the Investigating Officer for obtaining sanction to prosecute the present applicant.

5] Thus, taking into consideration that the FIR itself is filed by the police authorities after lapse of 14 months and also taking into consideration that the applicant has co-operated with the investigation, I am inclined to

protect the present applicant in exercise of powers under Section 482 of the BNSS. Hence the following order :

ORDER

- A) The Anticipatory Bail Application is allowed.
- B) The interim order dated 24.12.2025 is hereby confirmed. The applicant is directed to attend the concerned police station as and when called by the Investigating Officer.
- C) The Applicant shall also cooperate with the investigation.
- D) The Applicant shall not pressurize the prosecution witnesses and shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence, in any manner.
- E) The applicant shall furnish copies of his Aadhaar Card and PAN Card to the Investigating Officer along with his residential address if the applicant is transferred from the present posting.

6] Needless to say, violation of any of the aforesaid conditions shall entitle the prosecution to seek cancellation of the anticipatory bail.

7] The observations made herein above are prima facie in nature and shall not influence the Trial Court while deciding the case on its own merits.

8] The Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of accordingly.

[MEHROZ K. PATHAN]
JUDGE

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