



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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 297 OF 2026

PRITAM ATTARSING KHANDAGALE (PARDESHI)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

WITH

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1555 OF 2026

IN ABA/297/2026

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Ade Ravindra B.

APP for Respondents/State : Mr. P. D. Patil

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CORAM : MEHROZ K. PATHAN, J.

DATE : 6th MAY 2026

PER COURT :

1. Heard the learned Counsel for the Applicant and the learned APP for the State.
2. The Applicant has approached this Court, seeking anticipatory bail in connection with Crime No.313/2025 registered with Paithan Police Station, District Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (Rural) for the offences punishable under Section 352, 3(5), 126(2), 118(2), 118(1), 109 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. The learned Counsel for the Applicant Mr. Ade submits that the Applicant is falsely implicated in the present crime. There is a long history of lodging FIRs against each other by the Complainant's family and the Applicant's family. FIR No. 308/2023 was filed by the

wife of the Applicant against the Complainant/Yash, and his family members. FIR No. 255/2025 was filed by Adarsh, son of the Applicant, against Yash and his family members. FIR No. 510/2025 was filed by Soni Pardeshi against the family members of Yash, the Complainant. On the other hand, the Complainant and his father filed FIR Nos. 306/2023 and 264/2025 against the Pardeshi family. In the present FIR also, the entire Pardeshi family, including Pritam, has been falsely implicated. It is further submitted that two co-accused, namely Adarsh (son of the Applicant) and Krish, were arrested and subsequently released on regular bail on 20.01.2026, upon recording the fact that the matter had been amicably resolved between the Complainant and the Applicant. A copy of the order dated 20.01.2026 passed by this Court in BA No. 2454/2025 is placed on record and marked as 'X' for identification. The Complainant has also filed an affidavit dated 30.04.2026 confirming that the matter has been amicably resolved due to the intervention of reputed and elder persons of the village, with a view to permanently settle the dispute. Except for the aforesaid offences lodged against each other by the Complainant and the Applicant's family, there are no other criminal antecedents of the Applicant. The earlier application filed by the Applicant for grant of anticipatory bail came to be withdrawn, as this Court was not inclined to grant anticipatory bail vide order dated 17.11.2025 passed in ABA No. 1837/2025. However, as there is change in circumstances, due to settlement arrived at between the Complainant and the Applicant, and on the basis of which the other two arrested co-accused were released by

this Court, the present successive bail application is filed for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. As against this, the learned APP strongly opposes the present application on the ground that the earlier application came to be withdrawn, as this Court was not inclined to grant relief vide order dated 17.11.2025 passed in ABA No. 1837/2025. There are direct allegations against the present Applicant of having assaulted the Complainant by means of an iron rod. The injuries sustained by the Complainant corroborate these allegations. The injury on the head clearly indicates an assault by a hard object. The said injury is grievous in nature, and hence the offence under Section 118(2) BNS is clearly made out. The offence is punishable with life imprisonment. Hence this is not a fit case to grant anticipatory bail.

5. I have gone through the investigation papers made available by the learned APP which has now culminated into filing of the charge-sheet against the arrested accused before the learned trial Court. The perusal of the documents shows that there are criminal antecedents, inasmuch as the family members of the Complainant as well as the Applicant have filed several offences against each other since 2023. There are allegations of assault against other co-accused who were already arrested and released on bail. The submission of the learned Counsel for the Applicant, that the Applicant is falsely roped in the present crime, appears to be probable at this stage, as there are several such criminal antecedents between the two families.

However these observations are prima facie in nature and the same shall not influence the trial Court.

. Taking into consideration the fact that the other arrested co-accused are already released on regular bail upon recording a compromise arrived at between the families of the Complainant and the Applicant, and also the fact that the Complainant has filed an affidavit before this Court confirming that the matter is amicably resolved, I am inclined to protect the Applicant. Hence the following order :

ORDER

(i) In the event of arrest of the Applicant - Pritam Attarsing Khandagale (Pardeshi) in connection with Crime No.313/2025 registered with Paithan Police Station, District Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (Rural) for the offences punishable under Section 352, 3(5), 126(2), 118(2), 118(1), 109 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, he be released on bail on furnishing P.R. bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand) with two solvent sureties in the like amount, on the following conditions :

(a) The Applicant shall attend Paithan Police Station, District Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar (Rural) on every Sunday between 11:00 am. to 01:00 pm. and thereafter as when called by the Investigating Officer, till filing of the supplementary charge-sheet if any, against the Applicant.

(b) The Applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence and shall not influence the witnesses.

(c) The Applicant shall submit his Aadhar and PAN Cards to the Investigating Officer and detailed addresses and phone numbers of himself and two of the near relatives.

(d) A single violation of the conditions would entitle the prosecution to seek cancellation of the bail.

(ii) The application is allowed in the above terms and stands disposed of.

(iii) The Criminal Application is also disposed of.

MEHROZ K. PATHAN
JUDGE

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