IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 146 OF 2025

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Taijib Salim Mulani … Applicant
Versus.
The State of Maharashtra … Respondent

WITH
CRIMINAL INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 1121 OF 2025
IN
CRIMINAL ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 146 OF 2025

Mr. Sushil D. Shinde with Mr. Vaibhav B. Ahiwale for the Applicant.

Mr. N. B. Patil, APP for the State.

S. Y. Jamadar, Police Constable, Pandharpur Rural Police Station, is present.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATED : OCTOBER 5, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Sushil D. Shinde, learned Advocate for the Applicant and Mr. N. B. Patil, learned APP for the State.

2. By the present Application filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the Applicant seeks pre-arrest bail, apprehending arrest in Crime No. 244 of 2024 registered with Pandharpur Rural Police Station for offences punishable under

Sections 420, 467, 406, 471 and 120(B) r/w 34 of IPC.

3. Mr. Sushil D. Shinde, learned Advocate for the Applicant, states that there are four (4) accused in Crime No. 244 of 2024, with the Applicant being accused No. 5.

4. Mr. Sushil D. Shinde, learned Advocate for the Applicant, by referring and relying on the order dated 14th July 2026 passed by this Court (*Coram: Mehroz R. Pathan, J.*) in Anticipatory Bail Application No. 56 of 2025 and Anticipatory Bail Application No. 331 of 2025, submits that the two Applicants therein, namely, Sagar Jivan Shinde-Accused No. 2 and Akash Rajendra Shinde-Accused No. 3, against whom allegations are identical to that of the Applicant, have been granted anticipatory bail. He submits that the Applicant having a similar role in Crime No. 244 of 2024, is entitled to bail on the ground of parity. He relies on paragraph No. 5 of the order dated 14th July 2026 passed in Criminal Anticipatory Bail Application No. 56 of 2025, which reads thus:

> "5. I have gone through the investigation papers, which have now culminated in the filing of the charge-sheet against the arrested accused. The allegations against the present Applicants pertain to the misuse of their accounts maintained with the Union Bank of India, wherein the main accused utilized the said accounts for transferring huge amounts by using the ID of bank officials. The entire investigation appears to be complete. The Applicant/Sagar Shinde, was granted protection by order dated 14.01.2025. Both Applicants have attended the police station and have cooperated with the investigation. The investigation is almost complete and the supplementary charge-sheet is likely to be filed within fifteen days. Since the investigation does not require further custodial interrogation of the Applicants, and there

are no allegations of violation of any conditions against them, I am inclined to protect the Applicants. Hence the following order "

5. Mr. N. B. Patil, learned APP for the State, submits that the allegations against the Applicant are similar to those made against accused Nos. 2 and 3 in Crime No. 244 of 2024, who are granted pre-arrest bail by this Court.

6. In view of the statements made by Mr. Sushil D. Shinde, learned Advocate for the Applicant and Mr. N. B. Patil, learned APP for the State, further, in view of the accused Nos. 2 and 3 being granted bail by this Court on the same set of allegations by order dated 14th July 2026 and further, no material having been placed on record to demonstrate any distinguishing circumstances that would warrant a different view in the case of the Applicant, the Applicant is entitled to pre arrest bail.

7. Considering the above, this Application is allowed on the following terms:

a) In the event of the arrest of the Applicant - Taijib Salim Mulani, in Crime No. 244 of 2024 registered with Pandharpur Rural Police Station, he shall be released on bail upon furnishing a P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only), each with two solvent sureties in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer at Pandharpur Gramin

Police Station, District Solapur Gramin.

b) The Applicant shall report to the Investigating Officer at Pandharpur Gramin Police Station, District Solapur Gramin on 9th, 10th, 12th and 13th October 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m and thereafter as and when required by the Investigating Officer.

c) The Applicant shall cooperate with the investigation in Crime No. 244 of 2024.

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 copy of his Aadhaar Card and PAN Card, along with his residential address, mobile numbers and particulars of two close relatives, to the Investigating Officer.

f) Needless to say, violation of any of the aforesaid conditions may entitle the prosecution to seek cancellation of the anticipatory bail granted.

8. Anticipatory Bail Application No. 146 of 2025 is disposed of.

9. In view of disposal of the Anticipatory Bail Application, the Interim Application No.1121 of 2025 is disposed of.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)