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

CRIMINAL ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 663 OF 2025

Sayali Rajaram Sarfare … Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr. … Respondents

Mr. Harshad Bhadbhade with Shweta Ozja, Siddharth Mehta, Shubham Gangan and Aarya Ambulkar for the Applicant.

Dr. A. A. Takalkar, APP for the State.

Mr. Rahul Patil for Respondent No.2 (Appointed through Legal Aid).

Jagtap, PI, EOW Sindhudurg, is present.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATED : OCTOBER 5, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Harshad Bhadbhade, learned Advocate for the Applicant, Dr. A. A. Takalkar, learned APP for the State and Mr. Rahul Patil, learned Advocate for Respondent No.2.

2. On 24th July 2026, the following order was passed:

> "1. The learned APP informs that despite the interim order directing the Applicant to cooperate with the investigation, the Applicant has not submitted the relevant documents necessary for completing the investigation.
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> 2. The learned Counsel Mr. Harshad Bhadbhade appearing for the Applicant, strongly opposes the statement made by the learned APP. He, however, submits that whatever documents are required shall be provided by the Applicant, if the same are available with her.

3. In view of the above, it would be expedient, in the interest of justice, to direct the Applicant to attend the Economic Offences Wing, Sawantwadi, and to cooperate with the Investigating Officer by submitting the necessary documents.

4. The Applicant shall attend the Economic Offences Wing, Sawantwadi, on 27.07.2026 and 28.07.2026 between 11:00 a.m. and 02:00 p.m.

5. Stand over to 05.08.2026.

6. Interim relief if any, to continue till then."

3. On 28th August 2026, the following order was passed:

"1. Dr. A. A. Takalkar, learned APP for the Respondent – State, on instructions from the Investigating Officer, Kudal Police Station, states that the presence of the Applicant is required for investigation in Crime No. 144 of 2024. She states that the Applicant be directed to appear before the Investigating Officer, Kudal Police Station, in Crime No. 144 of 2024 on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th September, 2026 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

2. Mr. Harshad Bhadbhade, learned Advocate for the Applicant, on instructions from the Applicant, states that the Applicant shall appear before the Investigating Officer, Kudal Police Station, on the said dates and shall co-operate with the investigation in Crime No. 144 of 2024.

3. The statement made by Mr. Harshad Bhadbhade, learned Advocate for the Applicant, on instructions from the Applicant, is accepted.

4. In view of the above, list this Application on 09.09.2026"

4. Mr. Harshad Bhadbhade, learned Advocate for the Applicant, states that the Applicant has appeared before the Investigating Officer on the dates fixed and has cooperated with the investigation in Crime No. 144 of 2024. He further states that the Applicant shall continue to cooperate with the Investigating Officer and appear before him as and when required.

5. Dr. A. A. Takalkar, learned APP for the State, on instructions from

the Investigating Officer, Kudal Police Station, states that the Applicant has appeared at the Police Station.

6. In view of the statements made by Mr. Harshad Bhadbhade, learned Advocate for the Applicant and considering the Applicant's gender, the custodial interrogation of the Applicant is not required in Crime No. 144 of 2024. This Application is therefore allowed on the following terms:

a) In the event of arrest of the Applicant in Crime No. 144 of 2024 registered with Kudal Police Station, the Applicant shall be released on bail upon furnishing a PR bond in the sum of Rs. 50,000/-, with two sureties in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer, Kudal Police Station.

b) The Applicant shall appear and report to the Investigating Officer, Kudal Police Station, on 12th , 13th , 14th , and 15th October 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and thereafter, as and when required by the Investigating Officer. The Applicant shall cooperate with the Investigating Officer in the process of investigation of Crime No. 144 of 2024.

c) The Applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person/s acquainted with the facts of the case to dissuade such person/s from disclosing

those facts to the Court or any police officer.

d) The Applicant shall not tamper with evidence in any manner.

e) The Applicant shall provide the Investigating Officer, Kudal Police Station, with her residential address along with proof, her contact number and must inform the Investigating Officer of any changes to this information from time to time.

7. Anticipatory Bail Application No. 663 of 2025 is disposed .

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)