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

CR. ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLN. NO. 625 OF 2026

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Pratap Manik Mane … Applicant

Vs.

State of Maharashtra and Anr. … Respondents

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Mr. Piyush Toshnival (through VC) a/w Nilabh Toshnival, Abhishek Jare, Aarya V. Ambulkar i/b Ashish Pawar for the Applicant
Mr. N.B. Patil, APP for the Respondent – State.
Mr. Keshav Randive, PSI, Pandharpur Taluka P.S. present

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CORAM : SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.

DATE : 4th NOVEMBER, 2026.

P. C. :

. Heard.

2. The applicant is apprehending arrest in Crime No. 524 of 2026 registered with Pandharpur Taluka Police Station, District Solapur for the offences punishable under Sections 119(1), 118(1), 351(1), 351(2), 352, 189(2), 190, 191(2), 191(3), 115(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short “BNS”) and under Section 25(4) of the Arms Act.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that its a case of cross-complaints. Cross-complaints are filed due to lodging of complaint on 08.07.2026 bearing C.R. No.508 of 2026. It is contended that applicant is ready to surrender his mobile and his father’s mobile also. No specific

incriminating role is directed against him.

4. The submissions are opposed by learned APP by showing the supplementary statement of informant in which the applicant is stated to have been armed with sword like weapon. Two criminal antecedents are pitted against him. The pre-arrest bail of similarly situated co-accused Pawan Mane was not inclined to be granted, hence, it was withdrawn. My attention is adverted to five injuries out of which three are grievous.

5. A report is lodged on 15.07.2026 that on 13.07.2026 accused arrived at the spot in a Car and 8 to 9 persons alighted with weapons. The informant was assaulted and he was shown pistol by co-accused Arvind. The applicant and co-accused are alleged to have assaulted first informant and the witness. The applicant's father is alleged to have incited and a golden chain is also alleged to have snatched.

6. My attention is adverted to C.R. No.525 of 2026 registered on the same day at the instance of Yuvraj against the present informant and others. Yuvraj is alleged to have been assaulted by informant and others. He is alleged to have been threatened on account of auction of the sand. Before registering C.R. Nos. 524 of 2026 and 525 of 2026 offence was registered at the instance of Shrikant - accused no.6 in the present case on 08.07.2026 alleging that informant and his supporters are the

contemporaries in the business of transportation of sand. Informant was assulted by them.

7. It transpires from the record that the informant and his supporters on one hand have rivalry against applicant and other co-accused. The tussle pertains to auction of the sand and its transportation. Cross-complaints have been filed. The exaggeration and false implication cannot be ruled out.

8. The first information shows presence of the applicant along with other co-accused. The supplementary statement shows that he was armed with sword like weapon. I have gone through medico-legal certificate of the informant disclosing five injuries. Out of them three are grievous, but those are on non-vital part of the body. At this stage of the proceedings, no intention can be gathered for committing major offence.

9. The registration of two offences in past is not sufficient to deny the relief to the applicant. Neither the failure of co-accused Popat in securing pre-arrest bail before this Court be treated as incriminating event. The applicant has shown readiness to surrender the mobile phone and to abide by the conditions. Hence, I pass following order :-

O R D E R

(i) The Anticipatory Bail Application is allowed.

(ii) In the event of arrest of applicant - Pratap Manik Mane in Crime No. 524 of 2026 registered with Pandharpur Taluka Police Station, District Solapur for the offences punishable under Sections 119(1), 118(1), 351(1), 351(2), 352, 189(2), 190, 191(2), 191(3), 115(2) of the BNS and under Section 25(4) of the Arms Act, the applicant shall be released on bail on furnishing P. R. bond of Rs. 70,000/- (Rupees Seventy Thousand only) with one or more solvent sureties of like amount on the following conditions:-

(a) The applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence and contact the prosecution witnesses.

(b) The applicant shall report the concerned police station between 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. on every Monday and Friday.

(c) The applicant shall furnish contact number of himself or his close relative / friend to the Investigating Officer.

(d) The applicant shall surrender his mobile handset as well as his father's mobile handset to the Investigating Officer.

(e) The applicant shall surrender his Aadhar Card and PAN Card to the Investigating Officer, if any.

(f) The applicant shall not enter Saste-Bitargaon, Tal. Pandharpur, Dist. Solapur till filing of the charge-sheet.

(g) The applicant shall co-operate for expeditious disposal of the trial and attend the dates punctually.

(ii) Anticipatory Bail application is disposed of accordingly.

(SHAILESH P. BRAHME, J.)