

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLN. NO. 21 OF 2026

BABASAHEB NAGNATH SALGAR AND OTHERS

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

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Mr. Jaydeep D Mane, , , Advocate for Petitioner

Smt. P. S. Rane, APP for the Respondent-State

Mr. Dattatraya G. Patil, Advocate for Intervenor

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CORAM : NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI, J.

DATE : 17th FEBRUARY, 2026

PER COURT :

1. Applicants apprehend arrest in C.R. No.1252/2025, registered with Mohol Police Station, Solapur Rural for offences punishable under Sections 115(2), 3(5), 80 and 85 of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

2. Deceased Shweta was daughter-in-law of applicant Nos.1 and 2. Mother of the deceased Shweta lodged FIR alleging that because of the ill-treatment at the hands of the in-laws including applicants and due to their insistence to bring Rs.10 Lakh for purchasing JCB machine, Shweta has committed suicide by hanging on 01/12/2025.

3. Heard learned advocate for applicants, learned APP for respondent / State and learned advocate for intervenor informant. Perused the record.

4. Charge-sheet in the present crime is filed on 31/01/2026. Admittedly, there is delay of 4 days in lodging the FIR. Learned advocate for applicants submits that when A.D. was registered, there was no complaint on the part of maternal relatives of the deceased about alleged ill-treatment. Learned APP on instructions from the investigating officer present in the Court, submits that their statements are not recorded.

5. Fact remains that, at the time of inquest panchanama and spot panchanama the maternal relatives of the deceased were present, however, they did not raise any grievance about the alleged ill-treatment meted out to the deceased.

6. Husband of the deceased is already arrested and he is in custody. In view of filing of the charge-sheet custodial interrogation of the applicants is not necessary. Applicants were granted interim protection and they have cooperated in the investigation.

7. In the light of the above, the application is allowed by confirming the interim protection granted to the applicants vide order dated 13/01/2026.

8. Fees of the learned advocate appointed to represent the informant be paid by the Legal Aid as per the schedule, as expeditiously as possible.

(NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI, J.)