

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

CR. ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 59 OF 2026

Manik Krushna Babar

...Applicant

VERSUS

State of Maharashtra And Anr.

...Respondent

Mr. Tuushar Sonawane (Through V.C.) a/w Mr. Somnath Thengal,
Advocate for Petitioner.

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

PSI P.V. Kashid, Sangola Police Station, present.

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CORAM : NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI, J.

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1. By this application, applicant is seeking anticipatory bail in Crime No.868 of 2025 registered with Sangola Police Station, District: Solapur Gramin for the offences punishable under Sections 118 (1), 118(2), 119(1), 324(4), 352, 351(2), 189(2), 190, 191(2), 191(3) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. Heard learned Advocate for Applicant and learned APP for the Respondent-State. Perused the record.

3. Learned APP on instructions from the Officer of the concerned Police Station submits that in the last week, charge-sheet is filed in the present crime.

4. In the FIR, omnibus allegations are levelled against eight accused persons that they have assaulted the informant's father-in-law with iron rod and snatched the gold chain of three tolas.

5. The cross FIR is lodged by the side of applicant/accused, which appears to be prior in point of time, on 02.11.2025 registered at Sangola Police Station in C.R. No.866 of 2025 for the offences under Sections 118(1), 118(2), 119(1), 352, 351(2), 189(2), 190, 191(2), 191(3) of the BNS, 2023 against five accused persons including father-in-law of the informant. The applicant was granted interim protection and was directed to attend the concerned police station and cooperate in the investigation. Accordingly, the applicant has attended the police station and cooperated in the investigation.

6. *Prima facie* it appears that the allegations of snatching gold chain are levelled only to increase the gravity of the offence. In view of filing of the charge-sheet, custodial interrogation of the applicant is not necessary.

7. In the result, the application is allowed by confirming interim protection granted by order dated 30.01.2026.

8. The Applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence.

(NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI, J.)