IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2391 of 2026

Kunal Namdev Mahale …Applicant

Vs.

State of Maharashtra and Anr. …Respondents

Mr. Himanshu S. Gavit, for the Applicant.
Ms. M.R. Tidke, APP for the Respondent-State.
PI Nitin Aandhle, Panchvati, Nashik, present.
HC Ahirrao, Panchvati, Nashik, present.

CORAM: MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.
DATE : 05th October, 2026

P. C.:

1. Heard, Mr. Gavit, learned counsel appearing for the Applicant and Ms. Tidke, learned App for the Respondent-State.

2. At the outset, learned counsel appearing for the Applicant states that, the order dated 11th September, 2026 passed by this Court has been complied with and the Applicant has attended the concerned Police station on 28th September 2026 and 29th September 2026. He also relied on order dated 12th June, 2026 passed by the learned Single Judge in Criminal Anticipatory Bail Application No. 208 of 2026 in the case of Co-accused- Akash Rajendra Dolas, and submits that his role is also same. He further

submitted that the only allegation against the Applicant is of the destruction of evidence as the Applicant helped the co-accused to dispose the dead body of the deceased. Learned counsel appearing for the Applicant, submits that there are no other antecedents.

3. On the other hand, Mrs. Tidke, learned APP submits that the offence is very serious as the Applicant has helped the co-accused to dispose the dead body of the deceased.

4. Perusal of the record shows that the only role attributed to the present Applicant is helping the main accused in disposing of the dead body. The main Accused has already been arrested. There are no other antecedents.

5. As case is made out for grant of anticipatory bail by imposing stringent conditions, the following order is passed :

ORDER

a) In the event of arrest of the Applicant- Kunal Namdev Mahale, in connection with C.R. No.78 of 2024 registered with the Pachnvati Police Station, Nashik City, the Applicant is directed to be released

on bail on his furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount.

b) The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station on **12th October, 2026** and **13th October, 2026** and shall cooperate with the investigation. The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station once in a month, i.e., 1st Sunday of each month till the conclusion of the trial.

c) The Applicant shall furnish his cell phone number and residential address to the Investigating Officer and shall keep the same updated, in case of any change thereto.

d) The Applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat, or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade such a person from disclosing the facts to the Court or to any Police personnel.

e) The Applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence and shall not contact or influence the Complainant or any witness in any manner.

8. The Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of accordingly.

[MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.]