IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.2432 OF 2026

Gajanan Prabhakar Dahale …Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra …Respondent

Mr. Ajinkya M. Udane, for the Applicant.
Mrs. M. R. Tidke, APP, for the Respondent-State.
Mr. Amol Dnyandev Chavan, Police Headconstable, attached to Shikrapur Police Station, Pune Rural, Pune, present.

CORAM: MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.
DATED : 8th OCTOBER 2026

PC:-

1. Heard Mr. Udane, learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant and Mrs. Tikde, learned APP appearing for the Respondent-State.

2. This application is filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 ("**BNSS**") seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with C.R. No.704 of 2025 registered with Shikrapur Police Station, Pune Rural, Pune, for the offences punishable under

Sections 305(a), 331(3) and 331(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 ("**BNS**").

3. As per the prosecution case, the First Informant's house was locked and by opening safety door and the main door of the house, unknown accused entered the house and committed theft of ornaments valued at Rs.1,74,300/-. As far as the present Applicant is concerned, the allegation against him is that he has purchased the stolen ornaments.

4. On the earlier date, it was contended that the Applicant is not cooperating with the investigation and the learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant submitted that the Applicant will cooperate with the investigation. Accordingly, this Court directed the Applicant to attend the Shikrapur Police Station on 28th September 2026, 29th September 2026 and 30th September 2026 between 11:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m..

5. Mrs. Tidke, learned APP states that the Applicant has attended the Police Station. On instructions, Mrs. Tidke, learned APP states that there are three antecedents against the Applicant.

However, Mr. Udane, learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant states that there are no antecedents against the Applicant. He states that in one case, the Applicant's name was shown, however, the chargesheet was not filed against him.

6. In any case as the only role attributed to the present applicant is purchase of stolen ornaments of the value of Rs. 1,74,300/- and as he has attended the police station, in the facts and circumstances, the case is made out for grant of Anticipatory Bail.

7. In view thereof, the following order is passed:

O R D E R

(a) In the event of arrest of the Applicant-Gajanan Prabhakar Dahale in connection with C.R. No.704 of 2025 registered with the Shikrapur Police Station, Pune Rural, Pune, 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 as and when called by the Investigating Officer.

(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.]

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