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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.2779 OF 2026

Atharv Satish Thankasale …Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra …Respondent

Mr. Gaurav D. Kakade, for the Applicant.
Mr. S. V. Walve, APP, for the Respondent-State.

CORAM: MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.
DATED: 01 OCTOBER 2026

PC:-

1. Heard Mr. Kakade, learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant and Mr. Walve, learned APP, for the Respondent-State of Maharashtra.

2. As the matter was mentioned at 03:00 pm stating that there is an apprehension that the Police would immediately arrest the Applicant, the matter has been directed to be produced urgently.

3. By this Anticipatory Bail Application filed under Section 482 of the *Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023*, the Applicant is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with CR No.389 of 2026 registered with the Sant Tukaramnagar Police Station, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c),

21(a) and 20(b)(ii) of the *Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985*.

4. It is the submission of Mr. Kakade, learned Counsel for the Applicant that the Applicant is not involved in the offence and there are no other criminal antecedents against the Applicant. He submits that the Applicant is a student of 21 years.

5. On the other hand, Mr. Walve, learned APP, for the Respondent-State, submits that, as per the prosecution case, the Co-Accused have purchased narcotic substance M.D. (Mephedrone) from the present Applicant.

6. The prosecution case is set out in Paragraph No.2 of the Order dated 28th September 2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Pimpri-Chinchwad, Pune in Criminal Bail Application No.1219 of 2026, which reads as under:

> "*2. The First Information Report was lodged by the informant, Police Constable Dattu Nandu Patekar, B.No. 4029, attached to the Sant Tukaramnagar police station, Pune on 29/08/2026, alleging that on the previous date, the accused persons were found in possession of ganja weighing 932 grams worth Rs.50,000/- and M.D. substance of 01.990 gram worth Rs.19,900/-. The crime was registered and other co-accused were arrested on 29/08/2026. The applicant is apprehending arrest at the*

hands of police as his name was revealed during the investigation by the co-accused. Hence, prayed for protection."

7. As per the prosecution case, the Co-Accused have purchased narcotic substance M. D. (Mephedrone) from the Applicant. Thus, no case is made out for grant of anticipatory bail.

8. Accordingly, the Anticipatory Bail Application is dismissed.

[MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.]