IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3290 OF 2026

Suresh Prasad Kasera .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

Mr. Siddharth Jha, *i/b Law Global, for the Applicant.*

Ms. Rashmi Sureshchandar Tendulkar, APP*, for the Respondent-State.*

API Kharat, Vashi Police Station, present in Court.

CORAM: B. P. COLABAWALLA, J.
DATE: NOVEMBER 13, 2026
(Vacation Court)

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1. At the request of the parties and with their consent, the above Anticipatory Bail Application is taken up for hearing.

2. The Applicant in the present Anticipatory Bail Application is seeking Anticipatory Bail in connection with C.R. No. 0522 of 2026 registered with the Vashi Police Station, Navi Mumbai, for alleged offences punishable under Section 115(2), 118(2), 324(2) and 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS).

3. The main grievance in the above Application is that the Applicant has approached the Court of Sessions by filing Anticipatory Bail Application No. 964 of 2026, which is still pending. In fact, though the interim relief was applied for, the same is not yet decided and neither is the Anticipatory Bail Application taken up for disposal.

4. Having considered the submissions made by the parties and also considering that the Anticipatory Bail Application is pending before the Sessions Court, it would be in the fitness of things if the Sessions Court is requested to decide the Anticipatory Bail Application filed by the Applicant as expeditiously as possible. I am informed that the Anticipatory Bail Application before the Sessions Court is due to come up on 18th November 2026. The same is duly noted. The Applicant's presence and cooperation in the investigation can be secured by imposing suitable conditions. Hence, the following order:

> (i) By way of limited protection, in the event of the Applicant's arrest in connection with C.R. No. 0522 of 2026 registered with Vashi Police Station, Navi Mumbai, the Applicant is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing PR bond in the sum of Rs. 30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand Only) with one or two sureties in the like amount.

This interim protection is granted till a decision is rendered in the Applicant's Anticipatory Bail Application by the Sessions Court.

(ii) The learned Sessions Court shall make an endeavour to decide the Anticipatory Bail Application of the Applicant on 18th November 2026. In the meantime, the Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when called upon and cooperate with the investigation.

(iii) It is made clear that granting of this limited protection will not come in the way of deciding the Anticipatory Bail Application pending before the Sessions Court in any manner. The Sessions Court shall decide it independently on its own merits, without being influenced by this order. All questions are specifically left open.

5. Accordingly, the above Anticipatory Bail Application, with the consent of parties, is disposed of.

6. This order will be digitally signed by the Private Secretary/ Personal Assistant of this Court. All concerned will act on production by fax or email of a digitally signed copy of this order.

[B. P. COLABAWALLA, J.]

Darshan Patil

Signed by: Darshan Patil
Designation: PA To Honourable Judge
Date: 13/11/2026 17:25:38