

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1074 OF 2025

Pravin Mahendra Deshmukh ...Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr. Siddharth Pimple a/w Mr. Prashant Bothre i/b Pan Indian Legal Services LLP, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. P. H. Gaikwad, APP for the Respondent/State.

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 22.01.2026.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for Anticipatory Bail.
2. The applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No. 72 of 2024 registered at A.P.M.C. Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468 & 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
3. The first informant is a police constable at Navi Mumbai, Vehicle Theft Department. It is alleged that on 04.03.2024, on the basis of secret information, he inspected two

trucks which were parked at APMC Truck Terminal and found that chassis numbers of the said trucks were tampered with. During the course of investigation, it was revealed that the said vehicles were stolen by the applicant and other co-accused and on the basis of false documents, the said vehicles were sold and registered.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned APP for the respondent-State.

5. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has nothing to do with the alleged crime. It is submitted that the applicant has been made accused only on the basis that he was in contact with one of the co-accused. It is submitted that the prosecution has already filed the charge-sheet against the other co-accused. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that there are no other criminal antecedents against the present applicant and that the applicant is ready and willing to co-operate in the investigation.

6. On the other hand, the learned APP for the respondent-

State submits that the applicant is involved in serious crime. It is submitted that the applicant was in contact with co-accused Javed Maniyar, who is the main accused in the present crime. It is submitted that considering the nature of crime, custodial interrogation of the applicant is necessary.

7. I have perused the charge-sheet filed against the co-accused. *Prima-facie*, there appears to be no incriminating material against the present applicant except the fact that he was in contact with one of the co-accused. There are no other criminal antecedents against the applicant. Considering the said facts, I am inclined to release the applicant on anticipatory bail. In the result, the following order is passed :

ORDER

- a) The Application is allowed.
- b) In the event of arrest of the applicant in connection with Crime No. 72 of 2024 registered at A.P.M.C. Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468 & 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the applicant be released

on bail on furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs. 25,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

c) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when called by the investigating officer for further investigation, if any.

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]