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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.1771 OF 2025

Manasi Milind Deshpande ...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

WITH

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.3549 OF 2025

IN

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.1771 OF 2025

Vrunda Mukund Deshpande ...Applicant

IN THE MATTER BETWEEN

Manasi Milind Deshpande ...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr. Ramprasad Deore a/w Rajendra Mishra, appointed for the Applicant.

Mr. S. M. Mangaonkar, APP, for the Respondent-State.

Mr. Vaibhav Thorave i/b Suhas Rohile, for the Intervenor.

Mr. Dhruv Yadav, for the Victim.

CORAM: MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.

DATED: 23 JANUARY 2026

PC:-

1. This Court by Order dated 22nd January 2026 has appointed Mr. Ramprasad Deore, learned Counsel of this Court to represent the interest of the Applicant, as none had appeared for the

Applicant on last 2-3 dates. Today, Mr. Mishra, learned Counsel appears for the Applicant, Mr. Yadav, learned Counsel appears for the Victim and Mr. Thorave, learned Counsel for the First Informant.

2. I have heard Mr. Deore, learned Counsel appointed to represent the interest of the Applicant, Mr. Mishra, learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant, Mr. Yadav, learned Counsel appearing for the Victim - Milind Deshpande and Mr. Thorave, learned Counsel appearing for the First Informant.

3. By the present 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.48 of 2025 registered with the Alankar Police Station, Pune City, for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4) and 316(2) of the *Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023* and Section 66 of the *Information Technology Act, 2000*.

4. The FIR has been lodged by mother of the Victim-Milind Deshpande i.e. Vrunda Mukund Deshpande. As per the prosecution

case, the Applicant was staying separate for about 12 years as there was a matrimonial dispute between the Applicant and her husband - Milind Deshpande. It is stated in FIR that said Milind suffered paralysis on 22nd April 2024 and thereafter the Applicant - Manasi Milind Deshpande started visiting him and during that period from 1st July 2024 to 8th January 2025 a total amount of Rs.1,40,00,000/- has been transferred from the account of the Victim-Milind Deshpande to the account of the Applicant - Manasi Deshpande.

5. Mr. Deore, learned Counsel appointed to represent the interest of the Applicant, submits that although in the FIR it is mentioned that the amount is transferred in the sole account of the Applicant, however, in fact the said account was standing in the joint names of the Applicant and her husband - Milind Deshpande. He, therefore, submits that the Applicant is not at all involved in the crime and in any case the custodial interrogation is not necessary.

6. Mr. Mishra, learned Counsel for the Applicant and Mr. Yadav, learned Counsel for the Victim i.e. Milind Deshpande, submit that

in fact the said transfer of money was with the consent of husband - Milind Deshpande and the FIR has been registered due to some misunderstanding. Both of them submit that the Applicant is not involved in the crime and in fact Petition has already been filed being Writ Petition (Stamp) No.24439 of 2025 seeking quashing of the FIR.

7. Mr. Thorave, learned Counsel appearing for the Intervenor i.e. First Informant (mother-in-law of the Applicant), states that the First Informant has also no objection for granting anticipatory bail to the Applicant.

8. Mr. Mangaonkar, learned APP strongly opposes the Anticipatory Bail Application.

9. However, in the facts and circumstances, the case is made out for grant of anticipatory bail.

10. Accordingly, the Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of by passing following Order:

ORDER

- (a) In the event of arrest of the Applicant - Manasi Milind Deshpande, in connection with CR No.48 of 2025 registered with the Alankar Police Station, Pune City, she be released on bail on her furnishing PR Bond in the sum of Rs.10,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.
- (b) The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when called by the Investigating Officer till filing of the Charge-sheet and shall cooperate with the investigation.
- (c) The Applicant shall furnish her cell phone number and residential address to the Investigating Officer and shall keep the same updated, in case of any change thereto.

11. The Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of accordingly.

12. As the Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of, nothing survives in the Interim Application and the same is also disposed of.

13. This Court places on records its appreciation for the assistance rendered by Mr. Ramprasad Deore, learned Counsel appointed to represent the interest of the Applicant. The High Court Legal Services Committee, Mumbai is requested to pay his professional charges as per the rules.

[MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.]