

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.2452 OF 2025

Ranjit Singh Randhawa

... Applicant

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Mr. Sumeet A. Gemnani i/by Satyam R. Pille for the Applicant.

Mr. V. N. Sagare for the Respondent-State.

PSI Shirke, Badlapur PS is present.

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.

DATE : 18TH FEBRUARY 2026

PC. :

1. Mentioned out of turn.
2. This is an Application for anticipatory bail.
3. The Applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No.558 of 2024 registered with Badlapur Police Station for the offences punishable under Section 336(2), 336(3), 336(4), 337, 339, 217, 228, 231, 236, 60, 45, 340(2), 61(2), 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 66(k), 66(d) and 67(a) of the Information Technology Act.
4. It is the case of the prosecution that there was a matrimonial dispute between the co-accused Sunny Chavan and his wife. He was annoyed as his wife had lodged the report against him for the offence punishable under Section 498 of the IPC and thus decided to implicate his brother-in-law (brother of his wife) in a false rape case. It is alleged that

he thus entered into conspiracy with the Applicant and other co-accused and pursuant to said conspiracy at his instance co-accused Ranju Sharma had lodged false report of rape against his brother-in-law.

5. I have heard Learned Counsel for the Applicant and Learned APP for the Respondent-State.

6. Learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that the Applicant has nothing to do with the alleged crime. It is submitted that the prosecution has already filed chargesheet against the co-accused and therefore there is no need of custodial interrogation of the Applicant. It is submitted that there are no other criminal antecedents against the Applicant.

7. On the other hand, Learned APP for the Respondent-State submits that the Applicant was part of conspiracy. It is submitted that considering the nature of crime, the Applicant may not be released on anticipatory bail.

8. I have perused the chargesheet. The main allegations are against co-accused Sunny Chavan. There are no other criminal antecedents against the Applicant. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to release the Applicant on anticipatory bail. Hence, the following order:-

ORDER

- i. The Anticipatory Bail Application is allowed.
- ii. In the event of the arrest of the Applicant in Crime No.558 of

2024 registered with Badlapur Police Station for the offences punishable under Section 336(2), 336(3), 336(4), 337, 339, 217, 228, 231, 236, 60, 45, 340(2), 61(2), 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 66(k), 66(d) and 67(a) of the Information Technology Act, he shall be released on bail on furnishing a PR Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) with one or two sureties in the like amount.

- iii. The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when called for by the investigating officer and shall co-operate in the further investigation, if any.

9. The Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(N.R. BORKAR, J.)