

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2879 OF 2025

Sandeep N. Prajapati ...Applicant
V/s.
The State of Maharashtra & Anr. ...Respondents.

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Mr. Anil S. Pandey for the Applicant.
Mr. B.V. Holambe Patil, APP for the Respondent/State.
Ms Pravada Raut, Appoint Advocate for the Respondent No.2.
API Devidas Dhole, Manpada Police Station is present.

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CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 06.02.2026.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for anticipatory bail.
2. The applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No. 1028 of 2025 registered at Manpada Police Station, Thane City for the offences punishable under Sections 64(2)(m) and 69 of the Bharatiya Nayaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. The applicant and the victim got acquainted with each other while working in HDFC Bank. It is alleged that the present applicant had established physical relations with the victim on the pretext that he would marry her.
4. I have heard the learned counsel appearing for the applicant, the learned APP for the respondent / State and the learned

counsel for the respondent No.2/first informant.

5. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that twice the victim attempted to commit suicide and therefore the applicant decided not to marry her. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that thus it can not be said that the intention of the application since inception was not not marry her.

6. On the other hand learned APP for the respondent/State and the learned counsel for the respondent No.2/first informant submit that applicant on one pretext or the other avoided to marry the victim, which shows that he never had the intention to marry the victim. It is submitted that considering the nature of crime, the applicant may not be released on anticipatory bail.

7. I have perused the papers of investigation. *Prima-facie* there appears to be substance in the submission of the learned counsel for the applicant. Considering the overall facts and circumstances, 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 C.R. No.1028 of 2025 registered at Manpada Police Station, Thane City for the offences punishable under Sections 64(2)(m) and 69 of

the Bharatiya Nayaya Sanhita, 2023, he be released on bail on executing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one surety or two sureties in the like amount.

C) The applicant shall not contact the victim.

D) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when called and shall co-operate in the investigation.

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]