IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.333 OF 2026

Harshwardhan @ Harshal Choudhari ….Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr. ….Respondents

Mr. S. M. M. Owais T. Jahagirdar a/w. Mr. Ibrahim I. Sayyed, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. Tanveer Khan, APP for the Respondent-State.

Mr. Om Latpate i/b. Mr. Kuldeep Y. Nikam (through VC), for Respondent No. 2.

R. E. Alekar Kothrud P. S. Pune City, API, present.

CORAM : HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, J.
DATE : 18th APRIL, 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard the learned Advocate for the Applicant for some time. The record indicates that despite of the fact that the impugned order has been passed in the Month of January 2026 by the Sessions Court cancelling the bail of the present Applicant and has granted protection to the Applicant to adopt his legal remedies for a period of seven days thereafter, it is seen that the present Application has been filed on 10.02.2026.

2. The learned APP also informs that the Applicant till date has not surrendered and has flouted the directions issued by the Sessions Court. He further submitted that several attempts had been made by the police to trace the Applicant at various places however, on every occasion the Applicant has succeeded in escaping.

3. The learned Advocate appearing for the Respondent – Complainant states that he wants to file a detailed Affidavit in the present matter and therefore sufficient time be granted.

4. Though the learned Advocate for the Applicant vehemently submits that the Applicant has not surrendered as he wants the order to be tested on merits by this Court, I am of the opinion that the ground is not sufficient which give any right to the Applicant to violate the orders of the Courts of Law. However, it is open for the Applicant whether he wants to surrender or not.

5. The police is at liberty to take appropriate steps to secure his arrest. In the interest of justice, the Respondent is given fair chance to file an Affidavit in response to the present Application.

6. List the matter on **10th June 2026**.

(HITEN S. VENEGAVKAR, J.)