

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 134 OF 2026

Priyanka Ram Avatar Gupta ...Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr. Advait Shukla a/w Adv. Riya Sayyed & Adv. Muheeb Khan,
Advocate for the Applicant.

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

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 17.01.2026.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for Anticipatory Bail.
2. The applicant is apprehending her arrest in Crime No. 348 of 2024 registered at Borivali Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 306, 323, 506 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code.
3. It is the case of the prosecution that the present applicant and other co-accused were constantly harassing the deceased due to which he committed suicide.

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 co-accused Jyoti Sharma, was running beauty parlour in front of the house of the deceased. It is submitted that the applicant was working in the said beauty parlour of Jyoti Sharma. It is further submitted that there was a dispute between the said co-accused Jyoti Sharma and the deceased on certain issues and the applicant was no way concerned with the said dispute. It is submitted that nothing is to be recorded at the instance of the applicant and therefore there is no need of custodial interrogation. It is submitted that the prosecution has already filed the charge sheet against the present applicant and other co-accused.

6. On the other hand, the learned APP for the respondent-State submits that there is a suicide note wherein the deceased has mentioned that the present applicant was also harassing him. It is submitted that considering the nature of crime, the applicant may not be released on anticipatory bail.

7. I have perused the First Information Report and the suicide note. The main allegations are against the co-accused Jyoti Sharma. On the basis of material against the applicant, prima-facie, it cannot be said that she abetted the deceased to commit suicide. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, 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. 348 of 2024 registered at Borivali Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 306, 323, 506 and read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 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.

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]