

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.314 OF 2026**

Pramila Siddhappa Patil
Versus
The State of Maharashtra

...Applicant
...Respondent

Ms. Seema S. Dighe h/f. Mr. Priyal G. Sarda, for the Applicant.
Ms. S. M. Yadav, APP, for the Respondent-State.

**CORAM: MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.
DATED : 5th FEBRUARY 2026**

PC:-

1. Heard Ms. Dighe, learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant and Ms. Yadav, learned APP appearing for the Respondent-State.

2. This application is filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with C.R. No.26 of 2025 registered with Yeola City Police Station, Nashik Rural, Nashik, for the offences punishable under Sections 316(2), 319(2), 318(4), 335, 336(2), 336(3), 342(2) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. The prosecution case is set out in paragraph No.2 of the order dated 12th January 2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Yeola, District-Nashik in Criminal Bail Application No.5 of 2026, which reads as under:

*2. On 13.01.2025, Anil Ramkrushna Patole R/o- Yeola, has lodged FIR by alleging that he after retirement started Paithani Business in the name and style "Prachi Paithani" at Yeola. In 2023, on 17.07.2023 a man with two women and a child alongwith their driver visited his shop for purchasing Paithani. One of them stated his name as Siddhappa Shivlingappa Patil R/o Hotagi, Dist-Solapur working in Central Excise Department Mumbai as Dy. S.P. He also showed his Identity card. He then gave his mobile number. With him his wife 1Pramila Tai (**applicant**), Ujwala Rajendra Wagh and son and driver Akshay Bhosale were also present at that time. They asked the informant whether Wine shop business could be run successfully in Yeola arca to which informant stated in the affirmative. At that time the informant facilitated all of them. Thereafter Siddhappa Patil used to make phone calls to the informant and also visited his shop for purchasing Paithani saree along with above named persons including applicant and every time the informant treated them nicely by giving smart discount. During those days accused No.1 Siddhappa used to ask the informant whether he is interested in liquor business so that accused No.1 would arrange Liquor License for the informant so that he would begin wine and liquor business in Yeola. Rajendra Wagh also tried to convince the same to the informant and also asked him to collect certain documents for the license proceedings. On 18.11.2024 Siddhappa Patil in*

police uniform alongwith driver visited informant's shop in a vehicle having Amber light. On that occasion Siddhappa Patil pretended that he is in hurry, showed some papers and documents telling the informant that he should prepare for money and once money is paid as told by him he would get Valid liquor license. Once the informant gets Liquor License, he would earn huge amount and whatever he had spent as such would be easily recovered. Believing the pretence made by them having represented Prohibition Department the informant went on paying huge amount many times in cash, total Rs.77,25,000/-. Every time accused No.1 used to ask him to give this and that document and also showed some proceedings he has allegedly initiated for the same. In this way, according to informant he had paid total Rs.1,81,23,141/- in cash as well as through various modes for Ex. Bank Transfer, Google Pay etc. but neither accused Siddhappa, and other co-accused including applicant neither returned the aforesaid amount nor gave valid license for running wine and liquor shop. Hence, informant realized that applicant and her husband alongwith co-accused cheated him to the tune of Rs.1,81,23,141/- and therefore, informant approached to Yeola City Police Station and lodged the report against applicant and others. On that basis Crime No.26/2025 registered against the applicant and others.”

4. Ms. Dighe, learned Counsel appearing for the Applicant submits that the Applicant is not involved in the crime and the Applicant was merely present when the incident in question took place. She submits that the main allegations are against the accused No.1-Siddhappa Shivlingappa Patil. The offence is

registered against the Applicant as she is the wife of the said main accused. She submits that the Applicant will co-operate with the investigation. She submits that there are no antecedents against the Applicant and therefore, the pre-arrest bail be granted to the Applicant.

5. On the other hand, Ms. Yadav, learned APP strongly opposes the Anticipatory Bail Application. She submits that the Applicant is also involved in the crime and therefore, the Anticipatory Bail Application be rejected.

6. Perusal of the record shows that only allegations against the Applicant is that she used to accompany the other accused including the main accused i.e. her husband- Siddhappa Shivlingappa Patil and that on few occasions on phone she has informed the First Informant that the accused No.1-her husband would do the necessary work.

7. Perusal of the record shows that the offence is very serious. However, the Applicant is housewife aged 53 years. There are no

antecedents against the Applicant and the Applicant is ready to co-operate with the investigation.

8. Accordingly, the case is made out for grant of Anticipatory Bail. In view thereof, the following order is passed:

ORDER

- (a) In the event of arrest of the Applicant-Pramila Siddhappa Patil in connection with C.R. No.26 of 2025 registered with the Yeola City Police Station, District-Nashik, the Applicant is directed to be released on bail on her furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount.
- (b) The Applicant shall attend the Yeola City Police Station, District-Nashik on 11th February 2026, 12th February 2026 and 13th February 2026 between 11:00 a.m. to 02:00 p.m. and thereafter, the Applicant shall attend the Yeola City Police Station, District-Nashik as and when called by the Investigating Officer.
- (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.

- (d) The Applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat, or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade such a person from disclosing the facts to the Court or to any Police personnel.
- (e) The Applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence and shall not contact or influence the Complainant or any witness in any manner.
- (f) The Applicant shall submit her passport with the Investigating Officer.
- (g) The Applicant shall not leave India without prior permission of the learned Trial Court/ concerned Sessions Court.

9. The Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of accordingly.

[MADHAV J. JAMDAR, J.]

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