

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 333 OF 2026

Sumit Kumar Verma
V/s.
The State of Maharashtra

...Applicant
...Respondent.

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Adv. Apoorv Vijay Singh a/w. Adv. Hriday H. Surve for the Applicant.
Mr. B.V. Holambe Patil, APP for the Respondent/State.
PSI Dhanraj Koli, Dharavi Police Station is present.

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CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 12.02.2026.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for anticipatory bail.
2. The applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No. 960 of 2025 registered at Dharavi Police Station, Mumbai for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 349 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. The applicant is a jeweler. It is the case of the prosecution that co-accused in the present crime had availed loan of Rs.17,80,000/- from the first informant, who is also a jeweller by pledging fake gold ornaments. During the course of investigation, it was found that the said ornaments were purchased by the co-accused from the present applicant.

4. I have heard the learned counsel appearing for the applicant and the learned APP for the respondent / State.

5. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has nothing to do with the alleged crime. It is submitted that there is nothing to show that the applicant had sold the ornaments which were pledged by the co-accused with the first informant. It is submitted that the prosecution has already filed the charge-sheet against the co-accused. It is submitted that there is no need of custodial interrogation as nothing is to be recovered at the instance of the present applicant. It is submitted that there are no other criminal antecedents against the applicant.

6. On the other hand, learned APP for the respondent/State submits that considering the nature of crime, the applicant may not be released on anticipatory bail.

7. The prosecution has already filed the charge-sheet against the co-accused. The only material against the applicant is the statement of co-accused. There are no other criminal antecedents against 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. 960 of 2025 registered at Dharavi Police Station, Mumbai for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 349 and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya 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 attend the concerned police station as and when called by the Investigating Officer for further investigation, if any,

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]