

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 533 OF 2026

Mohammed Gulam Roshan

...Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Mr. Karansingh Rajput, a/w Adv. Fauzan Shaikh, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. S. V. Walve, APP for the Respondent/State.

Adv. Sandip Karnik, a/w Mr. Harshad Meshram, Advocate for the Intervener.

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 04.03.2026.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for Anticipatory Bail.
2. The applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No. 593 of 2025 registered at Sir J. J. Marg Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 418, 419 & 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
3. It is the case of the prosecution that the applicant on the pretext of good returns defrauded the first informant to the tune of Rs.5 Crores.

4. I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant, the learned APP for the respondent-State and the learned counsel for the first informant.

5. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that with ulterior motive, false allegations are made against the applicant. It is submitted that the only transaction between the parties was of providing skill labourers. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that there is no need of custodial interrogation and the applicant is ready and willing to co-operate in the investigation.

6. On the other hand, the learned APP for the respondent-State and the learned counsel for the first informant submit that considering the nature of crime, the applicant may not be released on anticipatory bail.

7. I have perused the First Information Report and documents placed on record. According to first informant, MOU was executed in respect of payment of Rs.5Crores. However, no such MOU is produced on record. Apart from it, there is a delay in lodging the report, which creates doubt about the version of the first informant. 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. 593 of 2025 registered at Sir J. J. Marg Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 418, 419 & 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 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.
- c) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when called by the investigating officer and shall co-operate in the investigation.

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]