

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 707 OF 2026

Mohammed Rehan Riyaz Ahmed Meer
@ Meer Mohammed Rehan Ahmed ...Applicant
V/s.
State of Maharashtra ...Respondent.

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Adv. Fauzan Shaikh a/w. Adv. Mohd. Munerul for the Applicant.
Mr. B.V. Holambe Patil, APP for the Respondent/State.

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CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 18.03.2026.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for anticipatory bail.
2. The applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No.576 of 2025 registered at Phydonie Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 316(4), 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. The applicant and other co-accused were working in the shop of the first informant. According to the first informant during physical verification he found that goods worth Rs.70,00,000/- were missing. Lateron he found that the present applicant and co-accused had sold the said goods and misappropriated an amount of Rs.60,42,000/-.

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, inspite of it, as the allegations of misappropriation were made against the applicant, he had paid an amount of Rs.1,18,500/- to the first informant. It is submitted that there is no need of custodial interrogation and the applicant is ready and willing to cooperate in the investigation. It is further submitted that there are no other criminal antecedents.

6. On the other hand, learned APP for the respondent/State submits that during the course of investigation, it was found that the present applicant and other co-accused had forged certain documents. It is submitted that thus relevant sections of forgery are also invoked against the applicant and other co-accused. 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. The allegations against the present applicant are of misappropriating an amount of Rs.1,99,000/-. It appears that he had paid certain amount to the first informant. There are no other criminal antecedents against the applicant. Considering the said facts, 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. 576 of 2025 registered at Phydonie Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 316(4), 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 and shall cooperate in the investigation.

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]