

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 732 OF 2026

Anujkumar S. Khemka

...Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra & Anr.

...Respondents.

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Mr. Ashok M. Saraogi a/w. Mr. Siddharth Singh and Ms Priti Rao for the Applicant.

Mr. B.V. Holambe Patil, APP for the Respondent/State.

Mr. Gaurav Shukla a/w. Mr. Hemant Shukla i/b Apex Juris for Respondent No.2.

API S.M. Kapse, Malad Police Station is present.

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CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.

DATE : 25.03.2026.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for anticipatory bail.
2. The applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No. 117 of 2026 registered at Malad Police Station, Greater Mumbai for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 316(2), 336(3) and 340(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. The first informant is the wife of the present applicant. Due to matrimonial dispute, since 2020 the applicant and first informant are residing separately. It is alleged that the present applicant had surrendered the insurance policy which was in the name of first informant by forging her signature on surrender form and misappropriated an amount of Rs.10,55,000/-.

4. I have heard the learned counsel appearing for the applicant, the learned APP for the respondent / State and the learned counsel for the respondent No.2/first informant.

5. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that due to matrimonial dispute false allegations are made against the present applicant. It is submitted that the applicant, without prejudice to his rights and contentions, is ready and willing to pay the said amount of Rs.10,55,000/- to the respondent No.2/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.

6. Learned APP for the respondent/State and the learned counsel for the respondent No.2/first informant submit that the applicant is involved in serious crime of forgery. It is submitted that considering the nature of crime, the applicant may not be released on anticipatory bail.

7. Admittedly, there is a matrimonial dispute between the applicant and the respondent No.2/first informant. It further appears that they have lodged multiple reports against each other. The applicant is willing to pay the amount in question to the first informant. 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.117 of 2026 registered at Malad Police Station, Greater Mumbai for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 316(2), 336(3) and 340(2) 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 deposit the amount of Rs.10,55,000/- in the bank account of the respondent No.2/first informant of which details are given below within a period of six weeks from today:
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| Bank Name | : | HDFC Bank |
| Branch | : | Boat Club Road |
| A/c Holder Name | : | Lipi Khemka |
| A/c. No. | : | 00391000102928 |
| IFSC Code | : | HDFC0000039" |

8. The Application is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]