

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 759 OF 2026

Prabhudas Bhiwaji Suryawanshi ...Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr. Ganesh Gupta, Adv. Aditya W., GG Legal Associates, Advocate
for the Applicant.

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

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. 32 of 2026 registered at Agripada Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4) & 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. It is the case of the prosecution that the present applicant and other co-accused, who is the son of the present applicant, defrauded the first informant to the tune of Rs.71,79,000/- on the pretext that they have connections in the

police department and they can manage to purchase for him high-end vehicles seized and sold in auction by the police department in less price.

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

5. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that the main allegations are against the son of the applicant. It is submitted that with ulterior motive, the false allegations are made against the present applicant. It is submitted that there is no need of custodial interrogation and the applicant is ready and willing to co-operate in the investigation. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that there are no other criminal antecedents against the applicant.

6. On the other hand, the learned APP for the respondent-State submits that there are specific allegations of inducement against the present applicant. 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 main allegations are against the son of the present applicant. Prima-facie, the present applicant does not appear to be a beneficiary of the alleged defrauded amount. In that view of the matter, 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. 32 of 2026 registered at Agripada Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4) & 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, 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.]