

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.1152 OF 2026

Somnath Laxman Mondhe)... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra)... Respondent

Mr. Mihir N. Kasliwal (through V.C.) a/w Mr. Afsar Ansari i/b Mr. Rahul Kasliwal for the Applicant.

Ms. Rashmi Tendulkar, A.P.P. for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : SANDESH D. PATIL, J.

**DATE : 20th MAY 2026
(VACATION COURT)**

P.C. :

1) Heard Mr. Mihir Kasliwal, the learned Counsel for the Applicant.

2) The Applicant is seeking pre-arrest bail in connection with the offence registered under Sections 420, 465, 468, 471, 474 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, vide C.R. No.74 of 2026, registered with Sarkarwada Police Station, Nashik City.

3) The learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that this Court on 15th May 2026, passed an Order in Anticipatory Bail Application

No.1122 of 2026, thereby granting pre-arrest bail to Co-accused Mr. Mangesh Dhondiram Pardhe. He tendered across the Bar a copy of the Order dated 15th May, 2026.

4) As the role of the present accused is also similar, taking into consideration an inordinate and unexplained delay in lodging the F.I.R., the following Order is passed :-

: ORDER :

- (i) In the event of arrest, the Applicant-Somnath Laxman Mondhe be released on bail in connection with C.R. No.74/2026, registered with Sarkarwada Police Station, Nashik, on 21st March 2026, for offences punishable under Sections 420, 465, 468, 471, 474 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, on executing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.20,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.
- (ii) The Applicant shall report to the Investigating Officer of the concerned Police Station on 23rd May, 2026 and 24th May, 2026 from 10.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.

and thereafter, the Applicant shall report to the concerned Police Station on 30th May, 2026 and 31st May, 2026 from 10.00 a.m. to 01.00 p.m.

- 5) Stand over to 10th June, 2026 for further consideration.

(SANDESH D. PATIL, J.)