

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 174 OF 2026

Sangeeta Amritlal Unadkat	...Applicant
V/s.	
The State of Maharashtra	...Respondent

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 370 OF 2026
IN
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 174 OF 2026**

Mr. Kiran Verma i/b Adv. Sanjay Kasture, Advocate for the Applicant.
Mr. P. H. Gaikwad, APP for the Respondent/State.
Mr. Randhir Singh, Advocate for the Intervener.

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 05.02.2026.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for Anticipatory Bail.
2. The applicant is apprehending her arrest in Crime No. 966 of 2025 registered at Kandivali Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 316(2), 318(4) read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.
3. It is the case of the prosecution that the present applicant and other co-accused defrauded the first informant to

the tune of Rs.69,18,000/- on the pretext of getting his loan of Rs.3,50,00,000/- sanctioned from the Bajaj Finance Company.

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 the applicant has nothing to do with the alleged loan transaction. It is submitted that the applicant is not the beneficiary of the alleged defrauded amount. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that there is no need of custodial interrogation and that the applicant is ready and willing to co-operate in the investigation. It is submitted that there are no other criminal antecedents against the present applicant.

6. On the other hand, the learned APP for the respondent-State and the learned counsel for the first informant submit that there is a material, which shows the involvement of the applicant in the alleged loan transaction. 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 co-accused. It is not the case of the prosecution that the applicant is a beneficiary of the defrauded amount. There are no other criminal antecedents against the applicant. 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. 966 of 2025 registered at Kandivali Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 316(2), 318(4) read with 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 and shall co-operate in the investigation.

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]