



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY,
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.**

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (ABA) NO. 102 OF 2026

Ramesh S/o. Ramchandra Lahudkar and others

Vs.

State of Maharashtra

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of
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or directions and Registrar's order

Court's or Judge's Order

Shri Mandar S. Deshpande, Advocate for applicant.
Ms. M. A. Kavimandan, APP for non-applicant/State.

CORAM :- M. W. CHANDWANI, J.

DATED :- 07.03.2026

The applicant seeks anticipatory bail in connection with Crime No. 2/2026 registered with Police Station Jalamb, Dist. Buldhana for the offences punishable under Sections 109, 85, 115(2), 352 r/w. Section 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the applicants as well as learned APP for the State. Perused the case-diary.

3. Applicant no. 1 is the father-in-law, applicant no. 2 is the mother-in-law and applicant no. 3 is the brother-in-law of complainant- Sau. Pratibha Lahudkar. The complainant got married in 2021 to Ujjawal Lahudkar, who was addicted to liquor and used to beat her. On 09.12.2025, at about 8:30 am, Ujjawal came home after consuming liquor and started beating the

complainant. Hearing the noise, the applicants came there and abused the complainant. The applicants caught hold of the hands of the complainant while Ujjwal held/pressed the neck of the complainant and forced her to drink rat-kill poison. The FIR further reveals that after making the complainant drink the rat-kill poison, the applicants and Ujjwal came out of the house and closed the door from the outside. The complainant mixed two pouches of shampoo with water and drank the same in order to induce vomiting so that the poison does not spread in her body. As a result of this, the complainant managed to vomit the poison out of her body. At around 5:00 pm, Ujjwal opened the door of the house but, did not allow the complainant to go outside. On the next day, with the help of a neighbor, the complainant sent a message to her father and thereafter, her father admitted her to Government Hospital at Shegaon. She was discharged on 13.12.2025 from the Hospital. It was further revealed that the complainant was again admitted to the Hospital after she complained of neck and throat pain and was operated on 20.12.2025 for her throat injury and discharged from the Hospital on 27.12.2025. After getting discharged from the Hospital, she lodged the FIR on 01.01.2026.

4. The submission of the learned counsel for the applicants is that there is a delay of almost one month in lodging the FIR by the complainant.

5. It appears that initially, the complainant was admitted in the Hospital at Shegaon and discharged on 13.12.2025. Again she was admitted in the Hospital and got operated for throat injury, which was caused due to the said incident. No doubt, there is a delay in lodging the FIR but, considering the fact that the complainant is the wife of Ujjwal and the applicants are her in-laws, coupled with the fact that such a tragic incident has happened with the complainant, I am of the view that delay in lodging the FIR will not help the applicants, particularly at the stage of anticipatory bail.

6. There is clear involvement of the applicants in the case wherein, the applicants along with the co-accused tried to kill the complainant by poisoning her and pressing her neck. Therefore, there is *prima-facie* involvement of the applicants in the crime. The investigation as regards various angles of the crime is required to be conducted and for the same, custodial interrogation of the applicants is necessary. The offence is of a serious nature and therefore, discretion of extraordinary relief of anticipatory bail cannot be exercised in favour of the applicants.

7. Hence, the application is rejected.

(M. W. CHANDWANI, J.)