



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH AT NAGPUR

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (ABA) NO. 345 OF 2026

CHANDRAKALA W/O. BALIRAM TALOKAR AND ANR
VS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THR PSO DABKI ROAD, POLICE STATION AKOLA TQ AND DIST AKOLA

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram, Appearances, Court's orders or directions and Registrar's orders	Court's or Judge's orders
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S/Shri Vallabh Nare, A.P. Bhuibhar and Punit Sharma, Advocates for applicants.

Shri A.M.Ghogare, APP for respondent/State.

CORAM: RAJNISH R. VYAS, J.

DATED : 30th APRIL, 2026.

Apprehending arrest, the applicants/the original accused nos. 6 and 7 have preferred this application in connection with First Information Report No. 250/2026, dated 15/04/2026, registered with Police Station Dabki Road, Akola for the offences punishable under Sections 108, 115(2), 80(2), 85, 352, 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'BNS').

2. The FIR is lodged at the behest of one Vitthal Pralhad Malvarkar who has alleged that the marriage of his daughter by name Bhavana was solemnized with accused no. 1 Vishal on 22/5/2023. According to the FIR, the applicants along with co-accused have subjected the said Bhavana to physical and mental harassment continuously. It was also stated that even an amount of Rs. 2,00,000/- was demanded for purchasing the car. According to the FIR, though the said Bhavana was blessed with a son on 15/02/2025, the harassment at the instance of the accused persons continued and consequently, on

09/04/2026, the said Bhavana committed suicide by hanging. It is in this background, the FIR was lodged.

3. The learned counsel for the applicants has submitted that the applicant no. 1 is 80 years old and is a mother of mother-in-law of the said Bhavana. So far as the applicant no. 2 is concerned, she is a sister-in-law of the deceased. The learned counsel for the applicants has submitted that even the allegations made in the FIR are taken as it is, it would reveal that the investigating agency has not brought anything on record to show that the applicants have abetted the offence. He thus prayed for grant of ad-interim anticipatory bail.

4. *Per contra*, the learned APP for the State has opposed the application and argued that an unnatural death has occurred within seven years from the date of marriage and therefore, the presumption can be drawn. He prayed for time to file reply.

5. With the assistance of the respective learned counsels, I have gone through the record of the case. The nature of allegations *prima facie* shows that the investigating agency has not brought anything on record to show that the applicants have abetted the crime. In that view of the matter, till filing of reply, I am inclined to protect the liberty of the applicants and hence, the following order is passed:-

ORDER

- i) Issue notice to the respondent, returnable on 06/05/2026.
- ii) The learned APP waives notice for the respondent/ State.
- iii) In the event of arrest, in connection with FIR/Crime No. 250/2026, dated 15/04/2026, registered with Police Station Dabki Road, Akola, for the offences punishable under Sections 108, 115(2), 80(2), 85, 352, 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'BNS'), the applicants be released on ad-interim anticipatory bail on furnishing a P.R. bond of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) each with one solvent surety in the like amount.
- iv) The applicants shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when required by the investigating agency.
- v) The applicants shall cooperate with the investigating agency and shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence or influence the witnesses.
- vi) The applicants shall not leave the India without previous permission of the Court.

(RAJNISH R. VYAS, J.)