


IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE,
BULDHANA

(Presided over by **Shaikh Akbar Shaikh Jafar**)

MHBU010002052026 	Anticipatory Bail Application No. 33/2026 Sunil Shankar Akhade ..Versus.. The State of Maharashtra
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ORDER BELOW EXH.4

(Passed on this 13th day of February 2026)

1] This application is filed for grant of ad-interim anticipatory bail. Perused the application and reply. Perused the copy of FIR. It reveals that as per FIR, informant is claiming that on 12.2.2025, flying squad of MSEB Department has conducted raid and visited at the house of applicant at about 14.00 hours, they found that applicant is committing electricity theft and as per their calculation, applicant has committed theft of Rs.1,25,546/-. However, FIR discloses that complaint is lodged on 5.3.2025 after delay of 22 days in lodging complaint. No reason is assigned as to why complaint is lodged after such delay. It is contention of the learned Counsel of applicant that they are having no knowledge of conducting raid by flying squad or filing FIR. They came to know when police machinery has called them and informed that FIR is lodged against them. They are ready to co-operate with police machinery, but they are avoiding to proceed with in accordance with law. Considering the factual position that there is delay in filing FIR, apprehension on the part of applicant is justifiable. Hence, I proceed to pass the following order.

ORDER

- 1] Interim protection is granted to the applicant till decision of main application as in the following manner;
 - i) In the event of arrest, applicant Sunil Shankar Akhade be released in Crime No. 229/2025 for the offence punishable under Section 135 of the Indian Electricity Act registered with Police Station, Buldhana City on executing personal bond of Rs. 50,000/- (Rs. Fifty Thousand only) and on furnishing bail in the like amount;
- 2] Inform to the concerned Police Station, accordingly.

Buldhana
Date: 13.2.2026

(Shaikh Akbar Shaikh Jafar)
Additional Sessions Judge,
Buldhana