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ORDER BELOW EXH.1

<u>Criminal Bail Application No.103/2026.</u>		
	Vithal Srikant Podar Age 38 yrs, Occu : Agri. R/o.Nalgir, Tq. Udgir, Dist. Latur	Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra. Police Station Udgir City.	Opponent
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ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION UNDER S.482 OF B.N.S.S.

<u>Appearances</u>	
For applicant	Advocate Shri.P.M.Kone
For State	APP Shri.S.I.Birajdar

A)	Case details :	
1.	FIR number and date	75/2023 Dt.23.02.2023
2.	Police Station, District, State	Police Station Udgir City, District Latur, State Maharashtra
3.	Sections invoked	Section 420, 467, 468, 471, 34 OF IPC.
4.	Maximum punishment prescribed	Imprisonment for 10 years.
B)	Custody and procedural compliance :	
1.	Date of Arrest	N.A.
2.	Total period of custody undergone	N.A.
C)	Status of trial :	
1.	State of proceeding	RCC No.9/2026 for

		appearance
2.	Total number of witnesses cited in the charge-sheet.	16
3.	Number of prosecution witnesses examined	Yet not examined.
D) Criminal antecedents :		
1.	FIR and Police Station	N.A.
2.	Sections	N.A.
3.	Status	N.A.
E) Previous bail applications		
1.	Court	N.A.
2.	Case number	N.A.
3.	Outcome of case	N.A.
F) Coercive processes		
1.	Whether any non-bailable warrant was issued	N.A.
2.	Whether declared a proclaimed offender	N.A.

ORDER
(Passed on this 21.07.2026)

The applicant filed this anticipatory bail application under Section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, in anticipation of arrest in Crime No.75/2023, registered at Police Station Udgir City, under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

2) The applicant has stated that he has no any intention or motive to commit the alleged offence. He has been falsely implicated in the offence. In fact, the applicant has appeared before the investigating officer who has recorded the statement of the applicant. However, the Crime No.75/2023 it is apprehended that while preparing challan from GRASS system and executing E-challan there is possibility of involvement of private data entry operators can not be ruled out. So in that circumstances the applicant apprehending arrest.

3) It is stated that while preparing E-challan from GRASS system and defacing it the applicant has got no concern with it. He has got no right to edit any challan or nor claimed any refund of it.

Nothing is remained to be seized from the possession of the accused/applicant. There is no direct or circumstantial evidence against the applicant to connect with the crime. The antecedents of the applicant are clear. He is ready to abide any of the conditions as may be imposed. Custodial interrogation of the applicant at the hands of police is not essential. Hence, the accused prayed that he may be released on anticipatory bail.

4) The application was resisted by APP and I.O. stating that the applicant/accused was doing work of typing and executing E-challan in the year 2015-16 at Sub Registrar Office, Udgir. From the 66 documents, 04 documents i.e. 4552/2016, 1063/2016, 470/2016 and 5661/2015 these documents were typed by the applicant. One of the agent stated that the applicant was doing work of executing E-challan and for that purpose he has given amount to the applicant. So for investigating the fact that from where the applicant has prepared E-challan custodial interrogation of the accused is essential. The investigation of the offence is in progress. If the accused/applicant is released on anticipatory bail then possibility of tampering with prosecution evidence can not be ruled out. Hence, I.O. and APP prayed that the anticipatory bail application of the applicant may kindly be rejected.

5) Perused application and say. Heard arguments of both sides.

6) In the present case it transpires from the record that in the year 2015-16 at Sub-Registrar office No.2, Udgir the data entry operator Atul Ghodke, Rajendra Kamble have misappropriated the amount of E-challan and cheated the Government. They have not defaced the E-challan and obtained the system of franking. So also they have obtained refund of E-challan from the Collector Office, Latur in one case. Thus, approximately Rs.8,74,180/- was misappropriated by them. But what has been stated by the I.O.

that from the GRASS system while preparing E-challan the possibility of agent in the Sub-Registrar office can not be ruled out. But it transpires from the record that I.O. has issued letter to the Bank about E-challan GRN number, reference number, CIN number, name of the account holder etc. But it is categorically mentioned in the say that about 66 bogus documents 04 documents were prepared by the applicant. It is nowhere in dispute that the applicant was working as typist in the Sub-Registrar Office, Udgir at the relevant time. During the course of investigation one of the agent stated that aforementioned four documents and E-challan was prepared by the applicant. Therefore, in order to investigate the said fact from where the applicant has prepared 04 bogus E-challan the custodial interrogation of the accused/applicant is essential. No doubt the offence took place in the year 2015-16. However, it was discovered and crime was registered in the year 2003. Therefore, for smooth and proper investigation of the matter custodial interrogation of the accused/applicant is required. Hence, considering above aspect I did not find substance in the anticipatory bail application. Hence, I am not inclined to allow the application and pass the following order.

ORDER

The anticipatory bail application (Exh-1) is rejected.

Date : 21.07.2026

(L.G.Pachchhe)
Additional Sessions Judge, Udgir.
