

**ORDER BELOW EXH 4**

Apprehending the arrest in connection with C.R. No. 46/2026 registered in State Excise Department, Mumbai under Section 65, 65(a) & (e), 81, 83, 103 and 108 of the Maharashtra Prohibition Act, the applicant **Vipesh Vinayak Salvi** has filed this application for pre-arrest bail under Section 482 of BNSS. By way of this application, he is praying for interim protection from his arrest pending the hearing and decision of the main application.

2. Heard Shri D.J. D'lima, the learned advocate for the applicant and perused the copy of FIR. It is submitted that this applicant has no concerned to the seized contraband and he is husband of the owner of seized Iser Tempo No. MH 08 AT 9195 which is registered in the name of Vedika Vipesh Salvi, who is now pregnant and therefore the I.O. has deliberately inserted the name of this applicant in the FIR and now he apprehends his arrest.

3. On going through the FIR it appears that the flying squad of Excise Department received credible information that the stock of liquor is being transported by the said Tempo which is manufactured at Goa. Accordingly, on 16/01/2026 the trap was laid at Nawale bridge at Pune at about 2.15 a.m. at night. The Tempo as per the given description came and it was intercepted. The accused No. 1 was its driver and he was asked as to what is in the Tempo. He told that he is carrying banana by that Tempo. The Tempo was searched and there were some carrots of banana and under those carrots they found the boxes in which

the Royal Blue Mart whiskey bottles.

4. The Tempo was taken to the office of the State Excise at Pune and they found 650 boxes containing bottles of the whiskey manufactured at Goa worth Rs. 68,00,000/-. It was disclosed that this applicant has purchased the said stock of liquors from the accused No. 2 Jamir Gupta who was the supplier of the said stock. The crime was registered against them and the driver was arrested.

5. It is submitted that this applicant has no concerned to the seized stock of the liquor but in fact the FIR shows that he was the purchaser of it. Thus, I find no prima facie substance in the submission that merely because the owner of the Tempo is the wife of this applicant who is pregnant and therefore this applicant has been made accused in this case. On the contrary it prima facie appears that that he is purchaser of the said stock. Under the circumstance I find no case for ad-interim protection to be granted to this applicant. Let the I.O. and prosecution file their say on this application and then this application can be decided on its merit. Hence, the order.

**ORDER**

1. Application is rejected.

2. Call the say of prosecution and investigating officer on this application and main application.

Pune  
Date: 10/02/2026

(S.R. Salunkhe)  
Additional Sessions Judge, Pune.