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IN THE COURT OF ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE, SATARA.
Criminal Bail Application No. 207 of 2026

Haridas Shrirang Chaure. **..Applicant.**

V/s.

State of Maharashtra **..Respondent**

Mr. A. R. Ghadge, Advocate for the applicant.

Coram: **Mr. S. R. Tamboli,**
The Addl. Sessions Judge, Satara,

::ORDER BELOW EXH.4::

1. In the instant application, the applicant has prayed for ad-interim anticipatory bail under Section 482 of the B.N.S.S.

2. In short, the case of the prosecution, as per the FIR, is that the informant is running a firm namely Ramay Packing Work at MIDC, Satara. Through the said firm, he intended to start a new business of manufacturing cardboard boxes and, therefore, was searching for machinery in June 2025. During that period, he came into contact with Accused No. 1, Haridas Shrirang Chaure, who represented that he could supply machines from Sunlight Export Inc., Punjab, along with installation and one-year maintenance

service. He further informed that he had provided similar services to Vinay Packing, Karad, which the informant verified. Thereafter, the informant, along with his father, met Accused No. 1 at Ramay Packing Work Firm. Accused No. 1 arranged a video call with Accused No. 2, Kawaljeetsingh Amarjitsingh Virdi, who displayed his machinery manufacturing unit. Relying upon the said representations, the informant placed an order for 12 machines with Accused No. 1 for a basic price of Rs.29,00,000/-, plus 18% GST and transport charges, totaling Rs.36,00,000/-. The said transaction was also communicated to Accused No. 2, Kawaljeetsingh, and Accused No. 3, Rajindarsingh Jaspalsingh Virdi. Accordingly, a notarized agreement dated 09/07/2025 was executed in the presence of witnesses, wherein the accused persons promised to supply the machines within 50 to 60 days. In pursuance of the said agreement, the informant transferred Rs.5,00,000/- by RTGS on 18/07/2025 to the company's account. Thereafter, the informant obtained a business loan from a bank and transferred Rs.10,00,000/- on 20/09/2025 and Rs.10,00,000/- on 25/09/2025 to the said account. However, the accused failed to supply the machines within the stipulated period of 60 days. Subsequently, the informant's father visited the company, where Accused No. 2 showed partially completed machines. At that time, the informant and his father decided to cancel the order of one machine costing Rs.8,00,000/-. Accused No. 2 then assured that the remaining 11 machines would be delivered within 4 to 5 days. On 17/10/2025, Accused No. 2 sent photographs of the machines to the informant and demanded an amount of Rs.3,18,000/-, which the informant transferred. On 26/10/2025, Accused No. 2 informed the informant that the machines were being loaded for transport and demanded Rs.25,000/- towards transportation, which was also paid. However, thereafter, the accused failed to deliver the machines. When the informant’s relative, Sameer Patil, contacted Accused No. 2 on 26/12/2025, he allegedly issued threats of suicide. Despite repeated demands, neither were the machines delivered nor was the amount refunded. Thus, the informant alleges that he has been cheated of Rs.28,43,000/-.

3. In the backdrop of these facts, Mr. A. R. Ghadge, learned counsel for the applicant, submitted that the applicant has not received any money. The allegations are against co-accused Kawaljeetsingh and Rajindarsingh, who have received the amount. The Investigating Officer issued notice under Section 35(3) of the B.N.S.S. and filed a charge-sheet against them. The Investigating Officer had also issued notice to the applicant. However, the applicant was not present at his house. The custodial interrogation of the applicant is not necessary. The applicant is ready to co-operate with the investigation. He is having a permanent residence. Hence, he prayed that ad-interim anticipatory bail be granted to the applicant.

4. The applicant has produced the charge-sheet filed against the co-accused. It shows that the Investigating Officer had issued notice under Section 35(3) of the B.N.S.S. and had not arrested them. The allegations in the FIR show that the co-accused received the amount. Even notice was also issued to the applicant. It

ultimately shows that the custodial interrogation of the applicant is not necessary. He has a reasonable apprehension of arrest. He is having a permanent residence. It is less likely that he will abscond. The apprehension of tampering with the evidence can be addressed by imposing stringent conditions. Hence, I am inclined to grant bail. In the result, I pass the following order:

ORDER

1. The application is allowed.
2. Ad-interim anticipatory bail is granted to applicant Haridas Shrirang Chaure till filing of the say by the prosecution and, meanwhile, in the event of arrest of the applicant in connection with Satara City Police Station Crime No. 93/2026, the applicant be released on furnishing P.R. and S.B. of Rs.50,000/-.
3. Issue intimation of this order to the concerned police station.

SARDAR RAJEKHAN TAMBOLI

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(S.R. Tamboli)
Additional Sessions Judge,
Satara.

Place : Satara.
Date : 12.05.2026.