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ORDER BELOW EXH.1 IN ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION

No.1663/2026

(Priyanka Bhopi and Ors Vs. State of Maharashtra and State of Karnataka)

1. This is an application for transit anticipatory bail under Section 482 of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.
2. According to the applicants, they learnt that Crime No.7/2026 dated 29.01.2026 has been registered at Cyber Crime Police Station, Hubballi, Dharwad, City Karnataka under Section 66(D of the Information Technology Act and Section 318(4) of BNS. According to the applicants, they are the victims and not the accused. According to them, they have been dragged into investigation only by reason of money trail generated by the misuse of company's stolen SIM Card. They have received a notice under section 35(3) of BNSS on 10.07.2026. In compliance thereof applicants had appeared before the Investigating Officer and the statement of all applicants was recorded. They apprehending arrest at the hands of police in connection with the said crime. They intent to approach the competent court of Sessions at Dharwad Karnataka for substantive anticipatory bail. The said court is situated at 550 kilo meters away from the applicants residence. They have to engage local counsel and arrange sureties and prepared the application in an unfamiliar jurisdiction and language. Therefore, they are filed this application for transit anticipatory bail.

3. Say of concerned Manpada Police Station is at Exh.4. According to Manpada Police Station, they have not received any information and facts of the alleged crime.

4. Heard Ld. Advocate for the applicant and Ld. APP. Perused the FIR.

5. It is argued by Ld. Advocate for the applicants that the alleged crime has been registered at Karnataka. They intent to file an application for anticipatory bail. They have to travel 550 kilo meters to reach the jurisdiction of the competent court. They apprehend the arrest at the hands of police.

6. On the other hand, it is argued by Ld. APP that the offence is very serious in nature. The huge amount of Rs.41,66,000/- is involved in the alleged crime. According to the prosecution, notice under Section 35(3) has been issued. The Investigating Officer has to comply with the provision of Section 35(4) to 35(6) of BNSS, if they wish to arrest the applicant.

7. Considering the facts of the case and argument advanced I find that the crime is very serious in nature. No sufficient grounds are made out for grant of transit bail. Hence, I proceed to pass following order:-

ORDER

The application is rejected.

Date :-25.08.2026
Kalyan

(P. F. Sayyad)
Additional Sessions Judge,
Kalyan

