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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

MCRCA No. 328 of 2026

Aman Nagvani S/o Shri Dilip Nagvani Aged About 34 Years R/o Through Pranay Shankar Pandya, 26/2, Vivekanand Marg, Nandan Kanan, In Front Of Kachnar Club, Kachnar City, Vijay Nagar, Jabalpur (M.P.) P.S. Vijay Nagar, Dist- Jabalpur (M.P.)

... Applicant

versus

State Of Chhattisgarh Through Mahila Police Station, Sector 06, Bhilai, Dist Durg C.G.

... Respondent

For Applicant	:	Shri Saurabh Mahant, Advocate.
For	:	Ms. Monika Thakur, PL.
Respondent/State		

Hon'ble Shri Ramesh Sinha, Chief Justice

Order on Board

27/02/2026

1. This first anticipatory bail application under Section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 has been filed by the applicant, who is apprehending his arrest in connection with Crime No.07/2026 (crime year wrongly mentioned in impugned order) registered at Police Station



– Mahila Thana, Sector 06, Bhilai, Dist Durg C.G.. for the offences punishable under Sections 85, 3(4) of BNS & Section 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act.

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that complainant, Smt. Payal Badani, married the applicant, Aman Nagvani, on 09.02.2020. Soon after marriage, the applicant and his mother allegedly harassed her for insufficient dowry and pressured her to arrange funds for purchasing a house. It is alleged that even after shifting to Bengaluru, and later during postings in Kerala and Indore/Sanwer, the applicant continued to demand money and forced her to bear household and rental expenses. The complainant claims that between 2020 and 2025, she transferred substantial amounts to the applicant and his family members under pressure, alleging total transfers of about Rs.50 lakhs. On her complaint, Crime No. 07/2026 was registered at Mahila Thana, Sector 06, Bhilai, District Durg, under Section 85 and 3(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act. The applicant's anticipatory bail application was rejected by the 4th Additional Sessions Judge on 24.01.2026. Hence this anticipatory bail application.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the allegations are false, fabricated, and filed as a counter-blast after the dissolution of marriage. He would submit that the parties had mutually agreed to share household and investment expenses, and all financial transactions were voluntary and related to joint living expenses and a jointly booked flat in Bengaluru, partly financed through the applicant's staff housing loan. It is submitted that the applicant has cooperated with the



investigation, appeared pursuant to notices, and disclosed the divorce decree dated 28.08.2025 passed by the competent Family Court. He would submit that the co-accused (mother) has already been granted bail on similar allegations, and the applicant seeks parity. He would further submit that the complainant is a highly qualified Chartered Accountant earning substantial income and the applicant is a Bank Manager with no criminal antecedents. He would submit that the applicant is a permanent resident of address shown in the cause title of the bail application and undertakes to cooperate with the investigation, therefore, he submits that the present applicant is entitled to be released on anticipatory bail.

4. On the other hand, learned State counsel, appearing for the non - applicant/State, opposes the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the materials available on record.
6. Considering the facts & circumstances of the case, submission of learned counsel for the parties, materials available on record, considering the fact that after decree of divorce, FIR has been registered under Section 498-A IPC and further considering the fact that co-accused has been granted bail by the trial court, therefore I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the present applicant.
7. Accordingly, the instant MCRCA is **allowed** and it is directed that in the event of arrest of the applicant – **Aman Nagvani**, on executing a personal bond and one local surety in the like sum to the satisfaction of the arresting Officer, he shall be released on bail on the following conditions:-



(a) The applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such fact to the Court.

(b) The applicant shall not act in any manner which will be prejudicial to fair and expeditious trial.

(c) The applicant shall appear before the trial Court on each and every date given to him by the said Court till disposal of the trial.

(d) The applicant and the surety shall submit a copy of his adhaar card along with a coloured postcard full size photo having printed the adhaar number on it, which shall be verified by the trial Court.

(e) The applicant shall not involve himself in any offence of similar nature in future.

Sd/-

(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice