

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

932 CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 417 OF 2026

Abhijeet Bhagwan Pandit ...Appellant
Versus
State Of Maharashtra and Anr. ...Respondents

Mr. Rupesh A. Zade, for the Appellant.
Mr. Swapnil Walve, APP for the Respondent-State.
ASI – S.B. Jagdale, Yawat Police Station, Pune Rural, present.

CORAM: R. M. JOSHI, J.
DATED: 08th MAY, 2026.

PC:-

1. Heard.
2. Mr. Anil Shinde, learned counsel causes *suo motu* appearance on behalf of Respondent No.2.
3. Learned counsel for the Appellant submits that there is delay of 40 days in lodging of the report. According to him, the co-accused, against whom the allegations were made has been granted interim protection from arrest by order dated 13th February, 2026 passed in Criminal Appeal No.146 of 2026. It is his submission that there is no *prima facie* material on record to show that the Appellant abetted the act of commission of suicide by the deceased.

4. Learned counsel for Respondent No.2 opposed grant of any interim relief on the ground that there are allegations against the Appellant of he refusing to marry the deceased. He further submits that the Appellant has received money from the deceased.

5. *Prima facie* perusal of the FIR does not indicate any such allegations. On the contrary, this Court finds substance in the contention of learned counsel for the Appellant that the co-accused, against whom the allegations were made in respect of offence under the atrocities Act has been granted interim protection.

6. Learned APP also oppose grant of any interim relief.

7. In view of the above, there shall be ad-interim relief in terms of prayer clause 'b' till next date of hearing.

8. Stand over to **23rd June, 2026.**

9. Issue notice to Respondents. Mr. Walve learned APP waives notice on behalf of Respondent – State and Mr. Shinde, waives notice on behalf of Respondent No.2.

(R. M. JOSHI, J.)