

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

Anticipatory Bail Application No. 1268 of 2025

Gurdip Singh Bhatia

... Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Mr Krishna Murari Singh a/w Mr Vansh Sabhlok a/w Mr Shesh N Pandey, for the Applicant.

Mr S S Pednekar, APP, for Respondent / State.

Mr Pawan Mishra, for the Intervenor.

API Rasam, Pydhonie Police Station, Mumbai, is present.

Coram: R.N. Laddha, J.

Date: 24 June 2025

P.C.:

. The learned Counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is a law abiding citizen with no criminal antecedents. He further submits that the dispute between the informant and the applicant stems from a purely civil transaction, and the ingredients necessary to constitute a criminal offence are conspicuously absent. The learned Counsel emphasizes that there is a substantial and unexplained delay of approximately nine months in lodging the FIR, which raises serious doubts about the veracity and motivation behind the complaint. Furthermore, to show his bonafides, the applicant is willing to

handover the material alleged by the prosecution to have been retained by the applicant.

2. The learned APP, on instructions from the investigating officer who is present in the Court, submits that investigation has been duly completed and that a charge sheet had already been filed before the competent Court.

3. The learned Counsel for the intervenor submits that the intervenor intends to place on record a detailed affidavit outlining relevant facts and contentions, and seeks three weeks time.

4. By consent, stand over to 29 July 2025.

5. There shall not be any coercive action against the applicant in the present crime till the next date.

(R.N. Laddha, J.)