

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1490 OF 2026

Tirumalesh Mallesham Katla ...Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Adv. R. D. Suryawanshi a/w Adv. Suraj N. Naik, for the Applicant.
Mr. Prasanna P Malshe, A.P P, for the Respondent – State.

CORAM : PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR, J.
DATE : 11TH JUNE 2026

PC:-

1. Heard learned Counsel for the Applicant.
2. The Applicant is apprehending arrest in Crime No. 340 of 2026 dated 25.05.2026, registered with Bhiwandi City Police Station, Dist. Thane, for the offence punishable under Sections 316(2), 318(4), 336(2), 336(3), 340(2) and 351(2) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short, “BNS”), on the basis of the report lodged by Sau. Sushma Parmanand Katla, who is wife of petitioner’s younger brother.
3. The Applicant has filed instant application under Section 482 of Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, “BNSS”).
4. Learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that the complainant was residing at Zimbabwe alongwith her husband

and the Applicant was the person who was dealing with all the transactions with respect to the LIC policies. Although the complainant has alleged that the LIC policies were surrendered by Applicant without her authority, it is submitted that the said policies were surrendered in the year-2025 and the amount was credited to the account of the complainant. It is also submitted that the allegations are leveled against the Applicant and offence is registered only because of an independent Gift Deed executed by Applicant's father in his favour with respect to the house property. It is submitted the Applicant has acted on the Authority of the complainant as regards the surrender of the LIC policies and hence there is no question of cheating.

5. After considering the contents of the FIR and the contentions canvassed on behalf of the Applicant, it appears that, the offence is registered in view of a family dispute in between the complainant and Applicant and further by considering the fact that there are no criminal antecedents of the Applicant, at this stage, the personal liberty of the Applicant needs to be protected by granting ad-interim bail.

6. Hence, I pass the following order.

ORDER

- (i) Issue notice to the Respondent, returnable on **3rd July 2026.**
- (ii) Learned APP waives service of notice for sole Respondent.

- (iii) In the event of arrest of the Applicant in Crime No. 340 of 2026 dated 25.05.2026, registered with Bhiwandi City Police Station, Dist. Thane, for the offence punishable under Sections 316(2), 318(4), 336(2), 336(3), 340(2) and 351(2) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, he be released on bail on furnishing P. R. Bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) with solvent surety of the like amount.
- (iv) The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station on every Monday between 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and as and when called upon by the Investigating Officer.
- (v) The Applicant shall cooperate the Investigating Agency during investigation and trial and handover documents demanded by the Investigating Officer.
- (vi) The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence and prosecution witnesses.

(PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR, J.)

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