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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

**924 CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 157 OF 2026**

**VEYANKATRAO BHAURAO POLE  
VERSUS  
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND OTHERS**

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Advocate for Appellant : Mr. Chondhekar Balaji S.  
APP for Respondents/State : Mr. R.D. Raut

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**CORAM : Y.G. KHOBRADE, J.  
DATE : 06.03.2026**

**PC.:-**

1. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the appellant at length. By the present appeal under Section 14-A of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 the appellant takes exception to the order dated 12.02.2026 passed by the learned Special Judge, Basmatnagar in Criminal B.A. No.29/2025 and thereby declined to grant anticipatory bail to the present appellant/accused in connection with Crime No.37/2026 registered with Aundha Nagnath Police Station, Dist. Hingoli on 16.01.2026 for the offence punishable under Section 3 (1)(r), 3 (1)(s), 3 (2) (va) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Section 351(2), 352 of the BNS Act 2023.

2. On perusal of FIR dated 16.01.2026, it appears that the incident of castiest slur occurred in the field of the informant/respondent no.3 in presence of harvester/owner Mr. Pintu Jangla Naik and wife of the respondent no.3, however, it does not appear that the said incident has occurred in public view. Therefore, at this stage, I am of the view that the appellant has made out substantial grounds to enlarge him on ad interim anticipatory bail till the next date. Accordingly, I proceed to pass the following order:

**ORDER:**

- i) Issue notice to the respondents made returnable on 27.03.2026. The learned APP waives notice for respondent nos.1 and 2. The Investigating Officer to serve the respondent no.3.
- ii) In the meantime, in the event of arrest the appellant/accused-Venkatrao Bhaurao Pole be released on ad interim anticipatory bail in connection with Crime No.37/2026 registered with Aundha Nagnath Police Station, Dist. Hingoli for the offence punishable under Section 3 (1)(r), 3 (1) (s), 3 (2)(va) of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and Section 351(2), 352 of the BNS Act 2023 on furnishing P.R. bond of Rs.50,000/- with two solvent sureties in the like amount.
- iii) The appellant/accused shall appear before the Investigating Officer on every Monday till filing of the charge-sheet in between 10.00 am to 12.00 pm and shall co-operate with the Investigating Officer.

iv) The appellant shall not contact and/or influence the witnesses and shall not tamper with evidence in any manner whatsoever.

**[Y.G. KHOBRADE, J.]**