



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 746 OF 2026

Durgadas Govind Rathod

VERSUS

The Superintendent Of Police And Another

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- Mr. S. R. Mantri, Advocate for Applicant
- Mr. A. S. Shinde, APP for Respondents - State

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CORAM : MEHROZ K. PATHAN, J.

DATED : 05.05.2026

PER COURT :

1. Heard learned counsel for the applicant and the learned APP for the respondent-State.

2. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 23.06.2026. The learned APP waives notice on behalf of the respondents – State.

3. The applicant has approached this Court apprehending arrest in connection with FIR No. 27 of 2026 dated 31.03.2026, registered with Islapur Police Station, District Nanded, for the offences punishable under Sections 123, 274 and 275 of the BNS, 2023.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has been arrayed as an accused on the basis of alleged recovery of contraband gutkha from his house pursuant to secret information. It is submitted that the contraband worth Rs. 11,970/- has already been seized. The applicant has no criminal antecedents and, therefore, custodial interrogation is not necessary. The applicant is ready to

abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, the applicant may be protected.

5. Taking into consideration the aforesaid submissions, particularly the fact that the contraband worth Rs. 11,970/- has already been seized and that the applicant has no criminal antecedents, I am inclined to protect the applicant until further orders. Hence, the following order :-

ORDER

- i. In the event of arrest of the Applicant – Durgadas Govind Rathod, he shall be released on bail upon furnishing PR. bond of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount each, in connection with FIR bearing Crime No. 27 of 2026 registered with Islapur Police Station, District Nanded, for the offences punishable under Sections 123, 274 and 275 of the BNS, 2023, on the following conditions:
 - A) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station and report to the Investigating Officer on every Saturday and Sunday between 12:00 noon and 02:00 p.m.
 - B) The applicant shall also cooperate with the investigation.
 - C) The applicant shall not pressurize the prosecution witnesses and shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence, in any manner.

6. Needless to state that violation of any of the aforesaid conditions may entitle the prosecution to seek vacation of the interim relief granted hereinabove.
7. The Investigating Officer shall make available the investigation papers on the next date of hearing.
8. Stand over to 23.06.2026.

(MEHROZ K. PATHAN, J.)