



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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 750 OF 2026

**PAWAN SHANKARRAO WANKHEDE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA**

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Bhosale Mahesh Kalidas
APP for Respondent/State : Mr. R. K. Ingole
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CORAM : MEHROZ K. PATHAN, J.

DATE : 6th MAY 2026

PER COURT :

1. Issue notice to the Respondent, returnable on 24.06.2026.
Learned APP waives service of notice for Respondent/State.
2. At the outset, the learned Counsel for the Applicant, Mr. Bhosale, submits that the Applicant is alleged to have defalcated an amount of Rs. 2,27,662/- while working as a collection agent of the bank and failed to deposit the same with the bank. The Applicant, however, has his own credentials and documentary evidence to show that he has, from time to time, deposited amounts with the bank. Nevertheless, to demonstrate his bona fides, the Applicant is ready to deposit an amount of Rs. 2,25,000/- before this Court. Hence the Applicant may be protected.
3. Thus, taking into consideration the nature of the allegations against the Applicant, the fact that the Applicant was acting as a

collection agent with the bank, and particularly the voluntary statement made by the Applicant that he is ready to deposit an amount of Rs. 2.25 Lakhs to show his bona fides, I am inclined to protect the Applicant till the investigation papers are received, subject to certain conditions. Hence the following order :

ORDER

- (a) In the event of arrest of the Applicant - Pawan Shankarrao Wankhede in connection with Crime No.232/2026 registered with Basmat City Police Station, District Hingoli for the offences punishable under Sections 316(4), 318(4), 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, he be released on bail on furnishing PR. bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousands) with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount, on the following conditions :
- (b) The Applicant is directed to attend Basmat City Police Station, District Hingoli on every Sunday starting from 10.05.2026 between 11:00 am. to 01:00 pm. and co-operate with the Investigating Officer until further orders.
- (c) The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence and shall not pressurize the prosecution witnesses, in any manner. He shall appear before the Investigating Officer as and when required, apart from the days already mentioned above.
- (d) The aforesaid interim order is subject to the Applicant depositing an amount of Rs. 2.25 Lakhs before this Court within a period of five weeks from today.
- (e) Failure on the part of the Applicant to deposit the said amount shall result in the vacation of the interim order.

(f) The Investigating Officer shall make the investigation papers available for perusal of this Court.

4. Stand over to 24.06.2026.

MEHROZ K. PATHAN
JUDGE

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