

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 776 OF 2026

Bharti Rupesh Mahalankar

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra

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- Mr. Vishal Amritlal Bagdiya, Advocate for Applicant
- Ms. P. J. Bharad, APP for Respondent - State

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CORAM : MEHROZ K. PATHAN, J.

DATED : 08.05.2026

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 16.06.2026. The learned APP waives notice on behalf of the respondent – State.
3. The applicant has approached this Court apprehending arrest in connection with FIR No. 640 of 2025 dated 19.08.2025, registered with Hingoli Police Station, District Hingoli, for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 408, 409, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the IPC and Sections 3 and 4 of the MPID Act.
4. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the identical application of one of the women Directors, namely Vina Bhat, was

already allowed by the learned Sessions Court, though she was holding the responsible post as Promoter of the said Cooperative Society. The applicant is also a Director of Hingoli Mahila Urban Credit Cooperative Society and no specific overt act has been alleged against her in the FIR.

5. It is further submitted that this Court has protected another co-accused, namely Palak Jayesh Kharjule, by order dated 05.05.2026 passed in ABA No. 726 of 2026. The applicant is ready to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, the applicant may be protected.

6. Taking into consideration the aforesaid submissions, I am inclined to protect the present applicant till the investigation papers are perused, however, on certain conditions. Hence, the following order :-

ORDER

- i. In the event of arrest of the applicant – Bharti Rupesh Mahalankar, she be released on bail on furnishing P.R. Bond of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount, in connection with FIR No. 640 of 2025 registered with Hingoli Police Station, District Hingoli, for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 408, 409, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of the IPC and Sections 3 and 4 of the MPID Act, on the following conditions :-

- A) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station and report to the Investigating Officer on every 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.
7. Needless to say, violation of any of the aforesaid conditions may entitle the prosecution to seek cancellation of the interim relief granted herein above.
8. The Investigating Officer shall make available the investigation papers on the next date of hearing.
9. To be tagged along with ABA No. 726 of 2026.
10. Stand over to 16.06.2026.

(MEHROZ K. PATHAN, J.)