



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

901 ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 926 OF 2026

GORAKH ALIAS GORAKSHNATH BHAUSAHEB JADHAV  
VERSUS  
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

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Mr. Ajit B. Chormal, Advocate for the Applicant  
Mr. M. K. Goyanka, APP for the Respondent/State

CORAM : R. M. JOSHI, J.

DATED : 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2026

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1. Heard.
2. Learned Advocate for the applicant submits that, in respect of the alleged incident dated 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, a counter report came to be lodged on behalf of the applicant. He further submits, by referring to the documents placed on record, that the applicant had sustained injuries in the said incident. According to him, the First Information Report lodged by the informant against the applicant does not depict the true facts. It is further submitted that the applicant has no criminal antecedents and, considering the possibility of the incident being a free fight between two groups, the liberty of the applicant deserves to be protected.

3. Learned APP opposed the grant of any interim relief to the applicant, submitting that there are specific allegations against the present applicant of assaulting the informant as well as a witness with an iron rod on their heads. It is further submitted that, in view of the multiple fractures sustained by the witness on the head, the offence punishable under Section 109(1) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita has been rightly invoked.

4. *Prima facie* perusal of the record indicates that there is reason to create doubt with regard to the version sought to be put forth by the informant about the incident in question. The applicant, *prima facie*, is able to show that he had also sustained injuries in the said incident. Whether it is case of free fight or otherwise would be decided at the relevant stage of the application. Suffice it to say that, the applicant having no criminal antecedents and having *prima facie* made out a case indicating the possibility of a fight between two groups, his liberty deserves to be protected.

5. Having regard to these facts, the liberty of the applicant is granted till the prosecution is heard in the matter. Hence the order.

#### **ORDER**

(i) Till the next date, in the event of arrest of applicant in connection with Crime No. 0130/2026, registered with M.I.D.C. Police Station, Dist. Ahilyanagar for the offences punishable under Sections 109(1), 115(2), 351(2), 352 r/w

3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, he shall be released on bail on furnishing PR Bond of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) with one solvent surety in the like amount.

(ii) He shall attend the concerned police station on written intimation from the Investigating Officer.

(iii) He shall not contact the witnesses directly or indirectly.

(iv) He shall not interfere with the evidence in any manner whatsoever.

(v) He is further directed to cooperate the investigating agency for further investigation.

6. Issue notice to the respondent, returnable on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2026.

Learned APP waives service of notice for Respondent/State.

7. Learned APP for the Respondent/State to communicate this order to the concerned Police Station.

**( R. M. JOSHI, J.)**

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