



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

911 ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 933 OF 2026

GAJANAN NARAYANRAO GHODKE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

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Mr. Sudarshan J. Salunke, Advocate for Applicant
Mr. M. K. Goyanka, APP for the Respondent/State

CORAM : R. M. JOSHI, J.

DATED : 11th JUNE, 2026

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1. Learned Advocate for the applicant submits that the applicant is working as a Manager at the Shivajinagar Branch. According to him, the allegations in the First Information Report indicate that the Board of Directors, in collusion with one another, have defrauded the informant. It is his submission that the applicant, being a Manager, had no authority to invest the money received by the Society. He, therefore, seeks protection for the applicant till the prosecution is heard.

2. Learned APP opposed the application as well as the grant of ad-interim relief to the applicant. According to him, in the present First Information Report, apart from the Board of Directors, allegations have also been levelled against the present applicant, who is the Manager of the branch.

He invited the attention of the Court to the provisions of the M.P.I.D. Act, which, according to him, render the Manager also liable for repayment of the deposits.

3. Prima facie perusal of the First Information Report indicates that the misappropriation is attributed to the Board of Directors.

4. 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. 0113/2024, registered with Beed City Police Station, Dist. Beed for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 406, 409 r/w 34 of the Indian Penal Code and under Sections 3 and 4 of M.P.I.D. Act, 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 as and when called on written intimation by 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.

5. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 3rd July, 2026.

Learned APP waives service of notice for respondent/State.

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

(R. M. JOSHI, J.)

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