



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

923 ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 951 OF 2026

NITIN MALLIKARJUN SANGALE

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

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Mr. Raviprasad K. Ashtekar, Advocate for Applicant

Ms. P. J. Bharad, APP for the respondent/State

CORAM : R. M. JOSHI, J.

DATED : 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2026

**P C. :-**

1. Learned Advocate for the applicant submits that there is absolutely no material on record to connect the present applicant with the crime. It is his submission that the place, i.e., the shop from which the alleged contraband came to be seized, does not belong to the present applicant. In support of his submission that the applicant has no connection with the said shop, reliance is placed on the order passed by the learned Additional Sessions Court, wherein it is observed that the applicant has been arrayed as an accused in the present crime solely for the reason that he was found present at the place from where the contraband was seized. He further contends that the applicant has no criminal antecedents and, therefore, his liberty deserves to be protected.

2. Learned APP opposed grant of any ad-interim relief to the applicant.
3. Prima facie this Court finds substance in the contention of the learned Advocate for the applicant. He has no criminal history and he is not likely to flee from justice.
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. 0214/2026, registered with Udgir Rural Police Station, Dist. Latur for the offences punishable under Sections 123, 274, 275, 223 r/w 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and under Section 59 of the Food Safety and Standards 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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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