



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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 954 OF 2026

Gundappa Nagappa Manthale And Others
VERSUS
The State Of Maharashtra

Mr. V. D. Gunale, Advocate for applicants
Mr. M. A. Aher, APP for respondent-State

CORAM : R. M. JOSHI, J.
DATE : 12th JUNE, 2026

PER COURT :-

1. Applicants apprehend arrest in connection with Crime No. 0083 of 2026 registered with Markhel Police Station, Dist. Nanded for the offences punishable under Sections 132, 121(1), 352 read with Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. Learned counsel for applicants submits that even if the alleged statements made in the First Information Report are accepted to be true, this is not a case of custodial interrogation. He submits that applicants have not criminal history. Hence, liberty of the applicants be protected.

3. Learned APP opposes grant of any interim protection to the applicants contending that manner in which the incident has occurred does not entitle the applicants bail.

4. This Court finds substance in the contention of the learned

counsel for the applicants that this might be not a case of custodial interrogation. Hence, liberty of the applicants be protected till the prosecution is heard in the matter. Hence, the order:

ORDER

(i) Issue notice to the Respondents, returnable on 01.07.2026. Learned APP waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent No. 1.

(ii) Till next date, in the event of arrest the Applicants – 1) Gundappa Nagappa Manthale, 2) Rajkumar Gundappa Manthale 3) Omkar Gundappa Manthale in connection with Crime No. 0083 of 2026 registered with Markhel Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 132, 121(1), 352 read with Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 they shall be released on bail on furnishing PR bond of Rs. 15,000 (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only) each with one surety in the like amount.

(iii) They shall attend the concerned police station as and when called.

(iv) They shall not contact the witnesses directly or indirectly.

(v) They shall not interfere with the evidence in any manner whatsoever.

(vi) They are further directed to cooperate the investigating agency for further investigation.

5. Learned APP to communicate this order to concerned police station.

(R. M. JOSHI, J.)

B. S. Joshi