



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 957 OF 2026

Pratik Balaji Sanap

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra

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Mr. A. H. M. Vakil, Advocate for Applicant

Mr. M. A. Aher, APP for Respondents

CORAM : R.M. JOSHI, J

DATE : JUNE 11, 2026

PC :

1. Learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that Applicant is merely a transporter. By placing reliance on photocopy of Udyam Registration Certificate, he contends that he has licence to transport petroleum products. Apart from this, he placed reliance on licence of owner of tanker in which petroleum product was transported. It is his submission that once there is license issued to Applicant as well as owner of tanker, no offence can be said to have been committed by them. He claims that Applicant has no criminal history and hence, his liberty be protected.

2. Learned APP opposes grant of any ad-interim relief on ground that under the Petroleum Act, 1934, petroleum product cannot be distributed or received without license.

In response to same, learned Counsel for Applicant submits that neither Applicant is a loader nor recipient of petroleum product. Hence, his argument has no substance.

3. *Prima facie* perusal of documents placed on record supports contention of Counsel for Applicant. In circumstances, his liberty deserves to be protected till prosecution is heard in the matter. Hence, the order:

ORDER

- (i) Issue notice to the Respondents, returnable on 10.07.2026. Learned APP waives service of notice on behalf of Respondent.
- (ii) Till next date, in the event of arrest the Applicant in connection with C.R. No. 225/2026 registered with Kopargaon Police Station, Dist. Ahilyanagar for the offences punishable under Sections 125, 223, 287 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Sections 3 and 7 of Essential Commodities Act, he shall be released on bail on furnishing PR bond of Rs. 15,000 (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only) with one surety in the like amount.
- (iii) He shall attend the concerned police station as and when required upon written notice.
- (iv) He shall not contact the witnesses directly or indirectly.
- (v) He shall not interfere with the evidence in any manner whatsoever.
- (vi) He is further directed to cooperate the investigating agency for further investigation.

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

(R. M. JOSHI, J.)