



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
BENCH AT AURANGABAD  
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 961 OF 2026**

Raju Alias Sudhakar Prabhu Dodke  
**VERSUS**  
The State Of Maharashtra And Another

Mr. N. S. Shinde, Advocate for applicant  
Mr. M. K. Goyanka, APP for respondent-State

**CORAM : R. M. JOSHI, J.**  
**DATE : 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2026**

**PER COURT :-**

1. Applicant apprehends arrest in connection with Crime No. 0219 of 2026 registered with Shivajinagar Police Station, Dist. Latur for the offences punishable under Section 478 of the Municipal Corporation Act, 1949.
2. Learned counsel for applicant submits that though there is allegation in the First Information Report that there was water-storage pit in Gat No. 40/A/1/2/3, in which two children fell while playing. It is his submission that applicant has no concern with the said plot or the pit therein. It is his submission that applicant is in the business of supplying water hence, cannot be held responsible for the accident occurred. He submits that applicant has no criminal history behind him.
3. Learned APP opposes grant of any interim protection to the applicant by relying upon the observations made by the Sessions Court while rejecting anticipatory bail filed by the applicant.

4. *Prima facie*, perusal of the order passed by the Sessions Court does not indicate the manner in which applicant was responsible for the digging the said pit and maintaining the same. In absence of any such observations, this Court finds it appropriate to protect the liberty of the applicant till the prosecution is heard. 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 Nos. 1 & 2.

(ii) Till next date, in the event of arrest the Applicant - Raju Alias Sudhakar Prabhu Dodke in connection with Crime No. 0219 of 2026 registered with Shivajinagar Police Station, Dist. Latur for the offences punishable under Section 478 of the Municipal Corporation Act, 1949, 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 called by Investigating Officer by written intimation.

(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.

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

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

B. S. Joshi