

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.231 OF 2026

Ranjana Gautam Jagtap

... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and another

... Respondents

WITH

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.232 OF 2026

Gautam Daji Jagtap

... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and another

... Respondents

Mr. Saurabh P. Tandale a/w Mr. Abdul Q. Auti, for Applicants.

Mr. S.H. Yadav, A.P.P, for Respondents – State.

Mr. Ritesh M. Thobde i/b Mr. Darshan Singh Rajpurohit, for Intervener.

Mr. Vijay Bhagwan Pise, P.S.I Mangalwedha Police Station present

CORAM : M. W. CHANDWANI, J.

DATE : 4th May, 2026.

P. C. :

1. Since, both the applications arise out of the same F.I.R, they are being heard together.
2. The applicants are apprehending arrest in connection with Crime No. 0146 of 2026 registered with Mangalwedha Police Station, District Solapur

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(Rural) for the offences punishable under Sections 108, 352 r/w 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. Learned counsel for the intervener has tendered written submissions across the bar, the same are taken on record and marked as “X” for identification.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned A.P.P, for the non-applicant – State, assisted by learned counsel for the intervener.

5. The F.I.R. indicates that the present applicants are the in-laws of deceased Dhanashree, who allegedly committed suicide on 4th March, 2026. From the contents of the F.I.R., it *prima facie* appears that the deceased was suffering from a mental disorder which had come to the knowledge of the applicants as well as their son, who is the husband of the deceased. On that count, a dispute had arisen between the father of the deceased and the applicants as well as their son. It is alleged that the applicants, in furtherance of the said dispute, were insisting upon a written undertaking regarding the mental condition of the deceased and that also demanded that the expenses in that regard would be borne by her father. It is further alleged that the applicants were also compelling the deceased to undertake agricultural work. Details of the offences are yet to be received.

6. Considering the submission of the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned A.P.P assisted by learned counsel for the complainant as well as the main cause of the dispute which appears to be the mental disorder of the deceased, a case is made out for grant of ad-interim protection. Hence, the following order.

: ORDER :

(a) Pending the application, in the event of arrest, applicants – **Ranjana Gautam Jagtap and Gautam Daji Jagtap** shall be released on bail upon furnishing a PR bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- each, with one solvent surety each in the like amount, in connection with Crime No.0146 of 2026 registered with Mangalwedha Police Station, District Solapur (Rural) for the offences punishable under Sections 108, 352 r/w 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

(b) The applicants shall appear before the concerned Police Station on every Thursday for the next two weeks between 10.00 a.m and 12.00 noon and co-operate in the investigation.

(c) The applicants shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence or threaten the prosecution witnesses in any manner.

7. List on 8th June, 2026.

[M. W. CHANDWANI, J.]