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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).9875/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 06-05-2026 in ABA No.1106/2026 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay]

SANJAY BHALCHANDRA KULKARNI

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 161860/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 26-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :

Mr. Tushar Manohar Khairnar, AOR  
Mr. Fazal Sayyad, Adv.  
Mr. Umar Sayyad, Adv.  
Mrs. Anuradha, Adv.

For Respondent(s) : Mr. Aaditya Aniruddha Pande, AOR

Upon hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. The petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 06.05.2026 in Anticipatory Bail Application No.1106/2026 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay.
2. We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner.
3. Issue notice, returnable on 20.07.2026.
4. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted. Let steps for service be taken within one (01) week.
5. Mr. Aaditya Aniruddha Pande, learned counsel, accepts

notice on behalf of respondent no.1/State. Hence, the formal service of notice on the said respondent is waived.

6. The petitioner to serve a copy of the present petition to learned counsel for respondent no.1 forthwith.

7. Respondent No.1 shall file counter affidavit within three (03) weeks. Rejoinder affidavit thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of listing.

8. We make it clear that no further opportunity will be granted for this purpose.

9. In the notice itself, let it be mentioned that respondent no.2 is required to file the counter affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.

10. In the event of arrest in connection with Crime No.70 of 2026 of Sarkar Wada Police Station, Nashik District/City, Maharashtra, the petitioner shall be released on bail on the appropriate terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer. However, in the attending facts, one of the conditions shall necessarily be that if the petitioner possesses a passport, the same shall be deposited before the Competent Authority/Court, till the conclusion of the Trial or directed otherwise.

11. The petitioner shall make himself available before the Investigating Officer on 05.06.2026 at 10:00 a.m. and on all such dates as he may be required.

12. Needless to add, till the investigation is not complete

in all respects, the petitioner would fully cooperate, and if the challan/charge sheet is filed, he would maintain good conduct and not attempt to influence any of the witnesses in any manner till the completion of the trial.

(D. NAVEEN)  
COURT MASTER (SH)

(ANU BHALLA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)