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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.1141 OF 2016

Rajendra Viitthal Pawar	..Applicant.
V/s.	
State of Maharashtra	..Respondent.

Mr.Vikas Kolekar for the applicant.
Mrs.Veera Shinde, APP for respondent-State.

CORAM : A.M.BADAR, J.

DATED : 11TH JULY, 2016

P.C. :-

1. The applicant / accused in Crime No.84/2016 for offences punishable under section 354, 354(A), 354(D), 506 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code and under section 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012 registered with Islampur Police Station, District Sangli by this application is praying for pre-arrest bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the applicant. He submitted that perusal of the F.I.R. does not show any role attributable to the present applicant in the crime in question. He further argued that rest of the accused persons are already released on bail by this Court.

3. The learned APP opposed the application by contending that the offence is serious and the present applicant has criminal antecedents. The learned APP has placed on record a report of the Investigating Officer.

4. Perused the F.I.R. as well as police report. It is seen that the present applicant with co-accused had indulged in outraging the modesty of the informant, who is a minor girl of 17 years of age. The informant was attempted to be kidnapped in February, 2016 when she was returning from her college along with his brother and sister. Thereafter, on 1st May, 2016 the present applicant as well as co-accused made gesture by coming to her house insisting her to accompany them.

5. The report of the Investigating Officer goes to show that because of terror built by the present applicant, the Gram Sabha of the Village had decided not to send girls from the village to school at Boargaon. The applicant has criminal antecedents as reported by police. Considering the nature of the crime and its impact on the society, no case for anticipatory bail is made out. The application is rejected.

(A.M.BADAR, J.)