

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (ABA) NO. 181 OF 2016

(SHASHIPAL RAGHUNATHRAO BHOWATE...VS..STATE OF MAH. THR. PSO PS BHANDARA)

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's orders

Court's or Judge's orders

CORAM : Z.A.HAQ, J.

DATED : APRIL 16, 2016.

Heard Shri B.W.Patil, advocate for the applicant
and Shri S.S.Doifode, A.P.P. for the non-applicant.

The applicant apprehends arrest in crime
registered against him for the offence punishable under
Sections 295(A), 153(A) and 188 of the Indian Penal Code,
Section 135 of the Maharashtra Police Act and Sections 14
and 15 of the Press Registration Act.

The applicant is Desktop Publishing Operator
carrying on business of Printing Press. The accusations
against the applicant are that he printed pamphlets
containing objectionable material because of which the
religious sentiments of the public at large, and particularly of
a community are hurt.

The applicant has filed affidavit pointing out that
he has got published his sincere apology in one of the leading
newspapers of the city on front page of the newspaper along
with the photo of the applicant.

Considering the facts on record, that the applicant has not been involved in any crime earlier and as the non-applicant has not been able to show that the custody of the applicant is required for further investigation, in my view, the interim order granted on 23rd January, 2016 is required to be confirmed.

Hence, the following order :

In the event of arrest in Crime No. 3054 of 2016, registered by the non-applicant, the applicant be released on bail on furnishing P.R. Bond for Rs.Ten Thousand.

The application is allowed in the above terms.

JUDGE

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