

FARAD CONTINUATION SHEET NO.
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE SIDE

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.669 OF 2017

Sharad Ladoba Pandit & Anr Vs. The State of Maharashtra

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

Court's or Judge's orders

Ms. Prabha Badadare for applicant.
Mr. M.G. Patil, APP for State.

CORAM : A.S. GADKARI, J.

DATE : 18th April 2017.

P.C.:

1] The applicants are apprehending arrest in CR No. 6 of 2016 dated 3.1.2016 registered with M.H.B. Colony Police Station, Mumbai under Sections 498(A), 406 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

2] The first information report is lodged by the daughter-in-law of the applicants namely Smt. Neha Ravindra Ranade. It is alleged in the first information report that the marriage between the complainant Smt. Neha Ranade and son of the applicants namely Ravindra Ranade was solemnized on 11.5.2014. Thereafter the first informant went to cohabit with her husband at Singapore. That when the first informant had been to India for a period of 20 days in May 2015, it is alleged that on 8.5.2015 the applicants assaulted her. There are allegations against the husband for demand of dowry and harassment. In the premise the first information report is lodged.

3] I have perused the first information report and the documents annexed to the present application. It is to be noted here that, the alleged isolated incident had taken place on 8.5.2015 and the first information report is lodged on 3.1.2016 i.e. approximately after seven-months after the alleged incident. Apart from the said fact, prima facie there are no other allegations of demand of dowry against the applicants. In view of the ratio laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Arnesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar & Anr. [(2014) 8 SCC 273], the applicants deserve to be granted pre-arrest bail.

Hence, the following Order:

- (i) In the event of arrest in CR No. 6 of 2016 registered with M.H.B. Colony Police Station, Mumbai, the applicants shall be released on bail on their furnishing PR bond of Rs.15,000/- each with one or two separate local sureties in the like amount.
 - (ii) The applicants shall not tamper with evidence and/or influence the prosecution witnesses.
- 4] The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(A.S. GADKARI, J.)