IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL ANTICIPTORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 585 OF 2018

Najma Raees Siddiqui ...Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr. Raju Suryawanshi for the Applicant

Mr. Sooraj S. Hulke, A.P.P for the Respondent-State

CORAM : REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.
TUESDAY, 3rd APRIL, 2018

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1. Heard learned Counsel for the parties.

2. By this application, the applicant seeks pre-arrest bail in connection with C.R. No. I-339 of 2017 registered with the Shantinagar Police Station, Bhiwandi for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 420, 468, 471, 201 r/w 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. Perused the papers. According to the prosecution, the applicant was providing bogus sureties to the Advocates, who have also been arraigned as accused in the present case. It appears that when the bogus sureties were arrested, the applicant's name surfaced and it was found that the applicant was in touch with the said bogus sureties. The said bogus

sureties were furnished by the applicant to Advocates to get the accused released on bail. Considering the nature of allegations, custodial interrogation of the applicant is necessary to unearth the modus operandi of the accused.

4. Having perused the papers, *prima facie*, it appears that the applicant was in contact with the bogus sureties who were arrested in Court premises. *Prima facie*, there is a nexus between the applicant and the sureties and the Advocates to whom the bogus sureties were being furnished.

5. Considering the serious nature of allegations and the modus operandi of the applicant to get accused released on bail, this is not a fit case to grant pre-arrest bail to the applicant. Hence, the application stands rejected.

6. It is made clear that the observations made herein are *prima facie*, for the purpose of deciding this application.

REVATI MOHITE DERE, J.