

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION****ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.2269 OF 2018**

Shabbir Asgarali Bhorl & Ors.

....Applicants.

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra

....Respondent.

Mr. Yogiraj Purwant for the Applicants.

Mr. S.S. Hulke APP, for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : A. S. GADKARI, J.

DATE : 21st DECEMBER, 2018.

P.C.:-

By a reasoned Order dated 31st October, 2018, the Applicants were granted interim relief and were directed to attend the concerned police station on stipulated dates.

2 Heard the learned counsel appearing for the Applicants and the learned APP. Perused the record of investigation.

3 It appears from the record that, the Applicants were accosted by the employees of the Electricity Department, when they were found tampering/interfering with the electricity meter. In short, the case of the prosecution is that, they attempted to commit theft of the electricity.

4 The record further indicates that, in pursuance of the Order dated 31st October, 2018, the Applicants have attended the Investigating Officer and have joined the process of investigation.

5 In view of the allegations made against the Applicants and the facts involved in the present case and the Applicants are entitled to be protected by pre-arrest bail.

6 Interim relief granted by an Order dated 31st October, 2018 is hereby confirmed. However, the condition to attend the Investigating Officer/concerned police station is waived.

7 Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(A.S. GADKARI, J.)