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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.2144 OF 2018

Namdev Vishnu Patil

..Applicant

Vs

The State of Maharashtra

..Respondent

Mr. A.H. Ponda I/b Datta Mane for applicant.

Ms. Rutuja Ambekar, APP for the State/

CORAM : A.S.GADKARI, J.

DATE : 14th March 2019.

P.C.:

1] By a reasoned Order dated 23rd October 2018, the applicant was granted interim relief and was directed to attend the Investigating Officer on stipulated dates, to join the process of investigation.

2] The case of the applicant is similarly situated to that of Jaiprakash Rajurkar who has been granted pre-arrest bail by the Co-Ordinate Bench of this Court at Nagpur (Shri M.G. Giratkar, J.) by its Order dated 15th October 2018.

3] The observations made in para-3 of the Order dated 15th October, 2018 are squarely applicable to the present applicant and therefore, the applicant is entitled to be released on pre-arrest bail on the

ground of parity. The crime in question has taken place in the year 2009-2010 and the investigation of the present crime is solely based on the documents, which are already in the possession of the various Government Authorities.

4] The record indicates that, in pursuance of the directions issued by this Court on 5th October 2018, the applicant has attended the Investigating Officer and has joined the process of investigation.

5] In view of the above, the interim relief granted by Order dated 23rd October 2018 is hereby confirmed.

However, the applicant is directed to attend the Investigating Officer as and when called for between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon and to join the process of investigation, upon receipt of a notice in writing from the concerned Investigating Officer, till submission of the final report.

6] Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(A.S.GADKARI, J.)