

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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (ABA) NO.654 OF 2020

(Shaikh Latif s/o Shaikh Umar Vs. State of Maharashtra thr. PSO PS Old City Akola,
Tah. & Dist. Akola)

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

Court's or Judge's orders.

Mr. K.H. Anandani, Advocate for Applicant.
Mrs. S.V. Kolhe, APP for Non-Applicant/State.

CORAM: ROHIT B. DEO, J.

DATE: 5th NOVEMBER, 2020.

Hearing was conducted through video conferencing and the learned counsel agreed that the audio and visual quality was proper.

2. Heard.

3. The applicant is seeking pre-arrest protection in Crime 69/2020 registered with Police Station Old City, Akola, District Akola for offences punishable under section 353, 323, 504, 506 read with section 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

4. The first information report dated 16.03.2020 is lodged by Mr. Amol Marathe, Assistant Engineer, Grievances Redressal Cell, Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited ("MSEDCL"), Akola.

5. It is alleged that Parveenbi Sheikh Latif did not pay the electricity charges. The MSEDCL therefore, disconnected the electricity supply at 04:45 p.m. on 16.03.2020. The allegation is that the applicant and two women members of the family abused and manhandled the Senior Technician Mrs. Vandana Deshmukh and Apprentice/Probationer Mr. Swapnil Kadam. The applicant and two women further issued threats of causing grievous injury.

6. I have noted that the public servants are intimidated, day in and day out, and are prevented from discharging their duty. Assaulting public servants has become a menace. Considering the allegations, no discretion can be exercised in favour of the applicant.

7. The application is dismissed.

JUDGE