

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1578 OF 2019

Sahadeo Singh Jagat Singh Ranavat	 Applicant
v/s.	
The State of Maharashtra and anr.	 Respondents

**WITH
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1190 OF 2019
IN
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1578 OF 2019**

Girish Shrikant Lad	 Applicant/Intervenor
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In the matter between :-

Sahadeo Singh Jagat Singh Ranavat	 Applicant
v/s.	
The State of Maharashtra and anr.	 Respondents

Mr. M.M. Khokhawala a/w. Ms. Megha Puralkar for the Applicant.
Ms. Pallavi N. Dabholkar, APP for the State.
Mr. Balasaheb Bade, P.I., Kothrud Police Station, Pune City.

CORAM: SMT. ANUJA PRABHUDESSAI, J.

DATED : 05th AUGUST, 2021.

P. C. :-

. This is an Application under Section 438 of Cr.PC. filed by the aforesaid Applicant apprehending his arrest in C.R.No.376/2018 registered with Kothrud Police Station, Pune City for offences under Section 406, 420, 465, 468, 471 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

2. The aforesaid crime was registered pursuant to the FIR dated 12/11/2018 lodged by one Girish Shrikant Lad, Managing Director/Proprietor of Magnum Opus IT Consulting Private Ltd. It is the case of the first informant that the Company – Magnum Opus IT Consulting Private Ltd. had given a dealership of ‘active tracker’ to the Applicant who was one of the partners of partnership firm “Ashapura Solutions”. The first informant has alleged that the Applicant had collected an amount of Rs.3,85,405/- from the two hospitals wherein he has installed ‘active tracker’. It is alleged that the Applicant did not deposit the said amount in the complainant’s company but deposited the same in his account.

3. Learned counsel for the Applicant states that the first informant / complainant was liable to pay to the Applicant an amount of Rs.10,00,000/- and that notice in this regard was issued to the first informant’s company much prior to the registration of this crime. He submits that the Applicant has co-operated with the investigation and the nature of the dispute does not warrant custodial interrogation. It is pertinent to note that this Court (Coram : Sarang V. Kotwal, J.) by order dated 18/07/2019 had granted interim protection to the Applicant. It is stated that subsequent to the said order, the Applicant

has reported to the Investigating Officer and had co-operated with investigation.

4. Learned APP states that except for the recovery of Sony Laptop, investigation has been completed and that the charge sheet will be filed within 10 days. The records indicate that the Applicant has handed over Lenovo Laptop. The Applicant cannot be declined pre-arrest bail, particularly in the absence of any prima facie material to indicate that the Applicant was given a Sony Laptop. The is not a case which warrants custodial interrogation.

5. Hence, the Application is allowed on following terms and conditions :-

(a) In the event of arrest, the Applicant be enlarged on bail on furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount ;

(b) The Applicant shall furnish his current address and mobile contact numbers and/or change of residence or mobile details, if any, to the Investigating Officer.

6. The Application stands disposed of. Interim Application, if any, stand disposed of in view of disposal of the Anticipatory Bail Application.

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(SMT. ANUJA PRABHUDESSAI, J.)

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