

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

Criminal Application (BA) No. 729 of 2021

[Dilip S/o Daulat Sadanshiv ..vs.. State of Maharashtra through P.S.O., P.S. Ural, Tq. Balapur,
Dist. Akola]

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Mr. N. R. Rode, APP for the State/non-applicant

CORAM : ROHIT B. DEO, J.

DATED : 09-08-2021

The applicant, who is in custody since 22-6-2021, is seeking bail in connection with Crime 259/2021 registered with Police Station, Ural, Tah. Balapur, District Akola for the offences punishable under Sections 7 and 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

2. The prosecution case is that Mr. Bhaskar Sonone lodged complaint with Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) that the applicant demanded Rs. 4,000/- for depositing the amount receivable by the complainant under the Pradhanmatri Awas Yojna in the account of the complainant and Amit Shirsat and Eknath Manatkar demanded Rs. 1500/- and Rs. 500 respectively.

3. Pursuant to the complaint and the registration of First Information Report, the ACB laid trap at the house of Amit Shirsat who was apprehended on the spot, demanding and receiving Rs. 2500/-. According to the prosecution, the applicant asked the complainant to meet Eknath Manatkar and it was Eknath Manatkar who made a gesture by pointing out two fingers which according to the prosecution intended to convey demand of illegal gratification of Rs. 2,000/-. It is further the version of the prosecution that Eknath Manatkar asked the complainant to meet the concerned engineer – accused 2.

4. Considering the nature of accusations, a case for grant of bail is made out. The application is allowed.

5. The applicant be released on bail on furnishing PR bond of ₹ 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand) with solvent surety of like amount on following conditions.

(a) The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or make any attempt to influence the witnesses, directly or indirectly.

(b) The applicant shall not leave the country without the permission of the jurisdictional Court.

6. The application is disposed of in the aforestated terms.

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