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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3135 OF 2022

Furkan Vahid Qureshi

....Applicant

V/s.

State of Maharashtra

....Respondent

Mr. Mazzam Shah i/b. Suresh Gupta , Advocate for the
Applicant

Mr. A.B. Patil, APP for the State

PSI Vishal Patil, Malegaon Taluka Police Station present

CORAM : SANDEEP K. SHINDE, J.

MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 2022.

P.C. :

1. The accusations on the face of it do not suggest that the Applicant, had deterred the public servants from discharging their official duties. Prosecution case is that on 9th June, 2022, the Applicant allegedly abused the employees of the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd., who had been to his factory to check the electricity meter. It appears, the co-accused used the criminal force, to the employees of the electricity company, to deter them from discharging their duties. In any case, the three phase meter, testing report dated 14th June, 2022 (four days after the alleged incident) shows that the meter was found in order.

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It is submitted that there are no criminal antecedents against the Applicant. In view of the facts above, case is made out for granting the pre-arrest protection to the Applicant. Thus the following order:

ORDER

- (i) In the event of arrest of the Applicant in Crime No. 328 of 2022 registered with Malegaon Taluka Police Station, he shall be released on bail on execution of P.R Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/-, with one or more sureties in the like amount.
- (ii) The Applicant shall report to the investigating officer on 22nd November and 25th November, 2022 between 11.00 a.m to 2.00 p.m. and, thereafter, as when when called.
- (iii) The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case
- (iv) Application is allowed and disposed of accordingly.

It is made clear that observations made here-in-above be construed as expression of opinion for the purpose of bail only and the same shall not in any way influence the trial in other proceedings.

(SANDEEP K. SHINDE, J.)