

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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (BA) NO.268 OF 2022

Vijay s/o Arjuna Jadhav

Vs.

State of Maharashtra Through Police Station Officer Police Station, Washim (City)

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

Court's or Judge's orders

Mr. A. K. Bhangde, Advocate for applicant.
Ms. T. Udeshi, APP for non-applicant/State.

CORAM : AVINASH G. GHAROTE, J.

DATE : 11/04/2022

Heard Mr. Bhangde, learned counsel for the
applicant and Ms. Udeshi, learned APP for non-
applicant/State.

2. The applicant has been arraigned for the
offence punishable under Section 7 of the Prevention of
Corruption Act, 1988 in Crime No.164 of 2022.

3. Mr. Bhangde, learned counsel for the
applicant submits that though the applicant has been
caught in the raid conducted on 05.03.2022 red handed
while accepting bribe of Rs.5,000/-, however, the entire
investigation is almost complete, and nothing more is
required to be done, in view of which, the continued
incarceration of the applicant is not justified.

4. Ms. Udeshi, learned APP for non-applicant/State opposes the application and submits that though the investigation is almost complete however, since the sanction is awaited, the application be rejected.

5. The incident is dated 05.03.2021, in which the applicant has been caught red handed while accepting the bribe of Rs.5,000/- The entire investigation is also said to have been completed, except for the formal sanction for prosecution, in view of which, the need for further incarceration does not appear to be justified, as nothing remains to be investigated, considering which, the *prima facie* a case for bail is made out, hence the following order.

ORDER

(i) The applicant be released on bail in Crime No.164 of 2022 registered with Police Station, Washim, for the offence punishable under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, on his executing P.R. bond in the sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand) with two solvent sureties of the like amount.

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

(iii) The applicant shall attend each and every date before learned Sessions Court and shall ensure that the trial is not protracted on his behalf.

JUDGE