

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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (ABA) NO. 690 OF 2022

Akshay s/o Madhukar Jumale .Vs. State of Maharashtra, thr. PSO, PS City Kotwali, Tq. & Dist. Akola.

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of
Coram, appearances, Court's Orders
or directions and Registrar's order

Court's or Judge's Order

Mr M.V.Bute, counsel for the applicant.

Mrs Shamshi Haider, APP for the non-applicant/State.

Mr A.V. Kamavat, counsel for Assit to Prosecution.

CORAM : ANIL S. KILOR, J.

DATED : 30/11/2022

1. Heard.
2. The applicant is seeking bail in connection with Crime No. 260/2022, registered with Police Station City Kotwali, Dist. Akola for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 468, 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
3. In this case, the case-diary shows that there is ample material to connect the applicant with the alleged offence and to *prima-facie* arrive at a conclusion that he has forged the caste certificate to contest the election on a seat reserved for Scheduled Tribe (S.T.), whereas his caste certificate was for Other Backward Class(O.B.C.).
4. The original caste certificate shows that, the applicant belongs to 'Koli' and comes under the Special Backward Class, whereas the fabricated and forged caste-certificate shows that he belongs to 'Koli Mahadeo' -

Scheduled Caste. The applicant is an elected member of Gram Panchayat Lakhonda, Tah. & Dist. Akola.

5. Thus, considering the seriousness of the offence, I am of the opinion that the custodial interrogation of the applicant is necessary to find out, from where the applicant has obtained the forged and fabricated caste certificate. Accordingly, I pass the following order:

The criminal application is **rejected**.

JUDGE