

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.509 OF 2023

**GORAKSHANATH BHAUSAHEB AADHAV
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA**

Mr. M. K. Bhosale, Advocate for the applicant
Ms. R. P. Gaur, APP for the respondent/State

**CORAM : R. M. JOSHI, J.
DATE : 06th JUNE, 2023**

P.C. :-

1. The applicant is apprehending arrest in connection with C.R. No. 161/2023, registered with MIDC Police Station, Dist. Ahmednagar for the offences punishable under Sections 323, 353, 504, 506 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code. Information is lodged by the Junior Engineer of the Electricity Board. According to the informant on 19/02/2023 there was disconnection of electric supply of Jeur Sub Station and it was restored by 8.00 pm on same day. It is further alleged that, thereafter on 20/02/2023 the applicant and other villagers entered the office of the informant and shouted slogans against the staff members and obstructed them from discharge of lawful duties. It is also alleged that the electric supply was to various villagers was disconnected by switching off main switch at Sub Station.

2. Learned counsel for the applicant states that there are

omnibus allegations against all accused and for want of specific role being attributed to present applicant and also in view of the fact that no custodial interrogation of the applicant is necessary, application deserves to be allowed.

3. Learned APP opposed the said contention with the submission that the government employees were assaulted and obstructed from discharging their duties and hence it is not a fit case for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. The perusal of the FIR shows that no specific allegations are made against the present applicant. It is not a case of any assault but as per informant's own version there was incident of man-handling. There is no specific allegation against the present applicant of committing any overtact including switching of the electricity supply for the villages.

5. There is nothing on record to indicate that the applicant has abused the liberty granted to him by interim protection. Considering overall circumstances and also in view of fact that custodial interrogation of applicant is not necessary, it is a fit case that the interim relief granted on 12/04/2023 deserves to be confirmed. Hence application is allowed on the same terms.

(R. M. JOSHI, J.)

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