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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.340 OF 2023

Kusum Yeshwant Keer
@ Kusum Pravin Lankal ..Applicant
vs.
The State of Maharashtra ..Respondent

Ms. Mallika A. Ingale, for the Applicant.
Mr. S. V. Gavand, APP for the State.
API- Mr. Kudale, Sakinaka Police Station present.

CORAM : M. S. KARNIK, J.

DATE : FEBRUARY 3, 2023

P.C. :

- 1.** Heard learned counsel for the applicant and learned APP.
- 2.** This is an application for pre-arrest bail. The applicant is apprehending arrest in connection with C.R. No.27 of 2021 dated 03/08/2021 registered with Sakinaka Police Station for offence punishable under sections 420, 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
- 3.** The FIR was registered on 03/08/2021. There are in

all 4 victims. FIR is against 6 accused. The applicant was working as a Receptionist in the office of the company which cheated the candidates who were seeking employment. As a Receptionist, it is the allegation that the applicant represented herself as Zoya Siddiqui to the candidates who had come to fill the applications. It is alleged that the applicant is a beneficiary of a sum of Rs. 7 lakhs. Learned counsel for the applicant submitted that without prejudice to the rights and contentions, with a view to show her bonafides, the applicant is willing to deposit a sum of Rs. 3,50,000/- with the trial Court within a period of 4 weeks from today. Statement is accepted. So far as custodial interrogation of the applicant is concerned, learned APP on instructions of the investigating officer has very fairly submitted that the applicant is 8 months pregnant and they expect that she should co-operate with the investigation. It is further submitted that the applicant had joined investigation and attended the investigation pursuant to section 41A notice issued under Code of Criminal Procedure. Learned APP further submits that only

if it is extremely necessary then the applicant will be called to attend the investigating officer after giving her adequate notice. It is further submitted that if at a later stage of the investigation, the investigating officer finds it necessary to effect arrest of the applicant, 72 hours notice will be given to the applicant. Statement accepted. In this view of the matter, the application is disposed of.

(M. S. KARNIK, J.)