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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 800 OF 2023

Vishwanath J. Sawkare

...Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent.

Mr. Mahesh H. Chandanshiv for the Applicant.

Mrs. Rutuja Ambekar, APP for the Respondent/State.

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 31.03.2023.

P.C. :

1. This is an application under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure for anticipatory bail.
2. The applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No.62 of 2022 registered at Deccan Police Station, Pune for the offences punishable under Sections 406, 420, 465, 467, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code.
3. I have heard the learned counsel appearing for the applicant and the learned APP for the respondent / State.
4. The co-accused in the aforesaid crime namely Swati Talpe was appointed as an Assistant Teacher against the vacancy reserved for Scheduled Tribe. It is alleged that she submitted forged caste validity certificate to her employer. After registration of crime she was arrested and interrogated. According to the prosecution, during her interrogation she had disclosed the name of the present applicant, who according to her had provided the

forged caste validity certificate in question by accepting Rs.5 lakhs from her.

5. The learned Counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has nothing to do with alleged crime. It is submitted that the applicant is working in Zilla-Parishad Jalgaon since last 25 years and if he is arrested in crime in question, then it would adversely affect his service career.

6. Prima-facie there appears to be no reason for the co-accused Swati Talpe to falsely involved the present applicant in such a serious offence. Considering the nature of offence, the custodial interrogation of the applicant is necessary. I am therefore not inclined to release the applicant on anticipatory bail. Hence, the Anticipatory Bail Application is rejected.

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]