



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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1955 OF 2023

Shubham Prakash Khisti ...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and ors. ...Respondents

Mr. Rameshwar Bhise, a/w Dnyaneshwar Dohiphode, for the
Applicant.

Mr. M. G. Patil, APP for the State/Respondent.

CORAM: N. J. JAMADAR, J.

DATED: 3rd October, 2023

PC:-

1. Heard the learned Counsel for the applicant and the
learned APP for the State.

2. By an order dated 29th August, 2023 this Court was
persuaded to grant interim protection observing *inter alia* as
under:

“3. The gravamen of indictment against the applicant is
that the applicant subjected the daughter of the first
informant to cruelty in order to coerce her to meet an
unlawful demand and caused the dowry death of the
deceased.

4. From the perusal of the allegations in the FIR *prima*
facie it does not appear that the first informant had
adverted to either an unlawful demand or harassment the
deceased was subjected to in order to coerce her to meet
the unlawful demand. Indeed there are allegations against
the behaviour of the applicant, which the deceased found
offensive and insulting. The allegations in the FIR *prima*
facie lack the element of demand of dowry.”

3. The learned APP submits that pursuant to the order dated 29th August, 2023 the applicant has appeared before the Investigating Officer and cooperated with the investigation. In the backdrop of the nature of the allegations in the FIR, custodial interrogation of the applicant does not seem to be warranted to facilitate effective investigation.

4. The applicant seems to have roots in the society. Possibility of fleeing away from justice seems to be remote. I am, therefore, inclined to make the interim bail order dated 29th August, 2023 absolute.

5. Hence, the following order:

: O R D E R :

- (i) Order dated 29th August, 2023 is made absolute on the terms and conditions incorporated therein.
- (ii) The applicant shall appear before the Investigating Officer as and when directed till the filing of the charge-sheet.
- (iii) The applicant shall regularly attend the proceedings before the jurisdictional Court.

Application stands disposed.

[N. J. JAMADAR, J.]