

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.

CRIMINAL APPLICATION [APL] NO. 508/2022.

Sunil Narayan Bhagwat

-VERSUS-

State of Maharashtra and another.

Office notes, Office Memoranda of
Coram, appearances, Court's orders
or directions and Registrar's orders.

Court's or Judge's Orders

Shri P.R. Agrawal, Advocate for the Applicant.
Ms. M. Deshmukh, A.P.P. for Non-applicant No.1.

CORAM : VINAY JOSHI AND
VALMIKI SA MENEZES, JJ.

DATE : FEBRUARY 16, 2023.

Heard.

2. This is an application seeking to quash the first information report bearing Crime No.1925/2021 registered with Frezarpura Police Station, Amravati for the offence punishable under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

3. The only issue canvassed is that the applicant is not a public servant. It is submitted that the government has assigned a contract of

data entry to a private company, who in turn has employed the applicant and while doing such data entry work there is alleged demand.

4. The matter is yet under investigation. The police have to obtain sanction in terms of Section 19 of the Act. If sanction is accorded, the applicant can agitate the said ground by seeking discharge. Therefore, we do not deem it desirable to entertain this application at this juncture. Criminal Application is thus, disposed of with liberty to the applicant to apply for discharge if so advised.

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