



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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1504 OF 2024

SHRIDHAR @ SHEKHAR ATMARAM DESHPANDE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Rajendrraa Deshmukh, Senior
Advocate alwong with Mr. Ramankumar Gopal Dodiya, Advocate
instructed by Mr. Shriram V. Deshmukh and Mr. D. R. Deshmukh
APP for Respondents : Mr. S. P. Sonpawale
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CORAM : S. G. MEHARE, J.
DATE : 11-10-2024

PER COURT :-

1. Heard the learned senior counsel for the applicant and the learned A.P.P. for the respondents.
2. The prosecution has a case that the applicant was the middleman between the complainant and the officer for sanctioning maps. He used to contact them. He had demanded a bribe. However, the trap was unsuccessful for a few occasions. Therefore, as a last resort, the crime has been registered.
3. The learned A.P.P. submits that some property documents were found in the house of the applicant. However, he did not support the Investigating Officer and submit the explanation. He may be prosecuted for his disproportionate assets.

4. Considering the facts of the case, there is nothing to interrogate with the applicant in the police custody. However, the interest of the prosecution may be protected by directing the applicant to attend the concerned police station for further investigation.

5. For the above reasons, the applicant deserves anticipatory bail. Hence, the order:-

ORDER

- i) The application is allowed.
- ii) The order granting *ad interim* protection, dated 10.09.2024, is confirmed on the condition that the applicant should attend the police station as and when called by the Investigating Officer on written notice till filing the chargesheet.

**(S. G. MEHARE)
JUDGE**

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