

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1506 OF 2024**

Naresh Sajandas Rohra	...	Applicant
vs.		
The State of Maharashtra	...	Respondent

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 2149 OF 2024
IN
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1506 OF 2024**

Mr. Amit Singh for applicant (through video-conferencing).

Mr. Prasanna P. Malshe, APP for respondent-State.

Mr. Shesh Pandurang More, Police Inspector, Local Crime Department, Kolhapur.

CORAM : MANISH PITALE, J.

DATE : 09th JULY, 2024

P.C. :

. Heard learned counsel for the applicant and learned APP for the respondent-State.

2. By a detailed order dated 19.06.2024, this Court granted interim relief to the applicant, with a specific direction that he would remain present before the Investigating Officer on 25.06.2024 and 26.06.2024 and thereafter, as and when called by the Investigating Officer. This Court is informed that as per the direction, the applicant remained present before the Investigating Officer.

3. The learned APP submits on instructions that the applicant is not co-operating with the investigation.

4. This is disputed by the learned counsel for the applicant and he submits that the documents demanded by the Investigating Officer, including aadhar card, bank account details, etc. were all provided and that the applicant has been co-operating with the investigation.

5. The learned APP further highlighted that there are as many as 13 criminal cases registered against the applicant and that therefore, this Court may not show any indulgence to the applicant.

6. The order dated 19.06.2024 recorded in detail as to why the applicant had made out a case for granting interim relief. It was specifically noted that in another FIR concerning identical allegations, the Supreme Court has granted interim protection to the applicant. It was also noted that the applicant was granted interim protection by the Sessions Court in another FIR registered at District Dhule.

7. The 13 criminal cases of which reference is made by the learned APP indicates that there are certain cases registered against the applicant for offences under the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the Information Technology Act, 2000.

8. Nevertheless, there is substance in the contention reiterated on behalf of the applicant that the material on record in the present case, falls short of directly linking the applicant with the offences in question and that identical

allegations have been made on the basis of which FIRs have been registered at different police stations.

9. It is relevant to note that the interim protection granted by the Supreme Court is still continuing. In that light and on an assurance on behalf of the applicant that he would continue to co-operate with the investigation, for the reasons stated in the order dated 19.06.2024 and upon appreciating the contentions raised today on behalf of the applicant as well as by the learned APP, this Court is inclined to make the interim order dated 19.06.2024, absolute.

10. Accordingly, the application is allowed and the interim order dated 19.06.2024 is made absolute, with a specific direction to the applicant to abide by all the conditions specified in paragraph No.15 of the said order. The applicant shall continue to remain present before the Investigating Officer as and when called.

11. The application is disposed of.

12. In view of disposal of anticipatory bail application, the intervention application is also disposed of.

(MANISH PITALE, J)