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

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.277 OF 2024

MAHESH SIDDHARAM TRIGULE

..APPELLANT

VS.

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANR.

..RESPONDENTS

Adv. Ritesh Thobde a/w Adv. Changdev S. Shingade for the
appellant.

Mr. S. H. Yadav, APP for the State.

CORAM : M. S. KARNIK, J.

DATE : MARCH 15, 2024

P.C. :

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

2. This is an appeal for pre-arrest bail in connection with
C.R. No.18 of 2024 registered with Akkalkot North Police
Station, District Solapur on 16.01.2024 for the offences
punishable under Section 7(1)(d) of Protection of Civil
Rights Act, 1955 and under Section 3(1)(r) of Scheduled
Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities)
Act, 1989 (hereafter "Atrocities Act", for short).

3. The date of the alleged incident is 15.01.2024. It is
the allegation that on occasion of annual religious ceremony

at Mahadev Temple where the cultural programme was organised, the complainant along with the members of his community were watching the cultural programme. At that time, one person who according to the complainant is the present applicant took the sword from the player taking part in the cultural programme, and with an intention to humiliate his community, made a remark in Kannad language which is an abuse in the name of his caste. Learned counsel for the applicant submitted that there is discrepancy in the name of the appellant taken by the complainant.

4. Learned APP to seek instructions.

5. Hence, issue notice to respondent No.2, returnable on 15.04.2024. Learned APP waives service of notice on behalf of respondent No.1.

6. The appellant needs to be protected by an interim order in the meantime.

7. In the event of arrest of the appellant, the appellant shall be enlarged on bail on his furnishing P.R. bond of Rs.15,000/- with one or more sureties in the like amount.

8. The appellant shall report to the Investigating Officer of the concerned Police Station as and when called and co-operate with the investigation.
9. Stand over to **15.04.2024**.

(M. S. KARNIK, J.)