

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

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 487 OF 2024

Harshal Mahesh Mhatre

...Appellant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra And Anr.

...Respondents

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Sr. Counsel Mr.Manoj Mohite a/w Mr.Rajaram V. Bansode, Sheetal M. Ubale, Advocate for the Appellant.

Mr.Balraj B. Kulkarnji, A.P.P. for the Respondent – State.

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CORAM : N. R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 8th MAY, 2024.

P.C.:

1. The Appellant who is accused in C.R. No.143 of 2024 registered with Turbhe MIDC Police Station, Navi Mumbai for the offences punishable under Sections 376(2)(n), 313 & 420 of Indian Penal Code and Sections 3(1)(w)(i), 3(i)(w)(ii) of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 has filed this appeal against an order passed by the Sessions Court rejecting his application for anticipatory bail.

2. I have heard the learned Senior counsel and the learned A.P.P. for the Respondent No.1/State on the point of interim protection and perused the FIR. Prima facie the relationship

between the present Appellant and the victim appears to be consensual.

3. Issue notice to respondent No.2, returnable on 19th June, 2024. In the meantime the Appellant shall not be arrested.

(N. R. BORKAR, J.)