

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 223 OF 2024

Ashok Narsappa Gopreddy

..Applicant

Versus

State of Maharashtra

..Respondent

Mr. Rajendra Rathod a/w. Sohail Ahmed a/w. Mujtaba Shaikh for Applicant.

Smt. M. H. Mhatre, APP for State/Respondent.

Mr. Prasad Panchal a/w. Neha Rane for Intervenor.

CORAM :- SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.

DATE :- 25 JANUARY 2024

P.C. :-

1. Mr. Prasad Panchal, learned counsel appears and states that, he has instructions to appear for the first informant. Learned counsel for the applicant is directed to add the first informant as a party respondent. The amendment shall be carried out forthwith.
2. Both the learned counsel submit that they are willing to explore a possibility of settlement through mediation. Therefore, I am inclined to refer the matter for mediation.
3. Both the parties shall approach the mediation center of

this Court on 07.02.2024 at 11.00a.m. The officer in charge of the mediation center shall appoint a suitable Mediator from their panel to make an attempt to bring about the settlement between the parties.

4. To facilitate the mediation process, the applicant can be protected by way of ad-interim order.

5. Hence, the following order.

ORDER

- i) In the event of his arrest in connection with C.R.No.275 of 2023, registered at Bhoiwada Police Station, Mumbai, till the next date, the Applicant be released on bail on his executing P. R. bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand Only) with one or two sureties in the like amount.
- ii) This order shall operate till 11/03/2024.
- iii) Stand over to 11/03/2024.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)