

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.782 OF 2024

Dr. Shrihari Pandurang Dange Applicant

versus

State of Maharashtra Respondent

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- Mr. Karan B. Mehta a/w Asha K. Mehta a/w Nishant Shah a/w Harshad Joshi a/w Shubham Dudwadkar a/w Ashwin Pande a/w Pragati Bangar i/b. Karan Mehta & Associates, Advocate for Applicant.
- Ms. Pallavi N. Dabholkar, APP for the State/Respondent.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 20th MARCH, 2024**

P.C. :

1. The Applicant is seeking anticipatory bail in connection with C.R.No.643/2023, dated 30/11/2023, registered with Dehu Road Police Station, Pimpri-Chinchwad, under sections 406, 420 of the Indian Penal Code.

2. Heard Mr. Karan B. Mehta, learned counsel for the Applicant and Ms. Pallavi N. Dabholkar, learned APP for the State.

3. The FIR is lodged by Dnyaneshwar Karale. He has stated that his brother-in-law introduced him to the present Applicant, who was a famous radiologist from Talegaon Dabhade. The Applicant wanted to expand his hospital. Therefore, he was in need of investors. The informant tried to invest his amount with the Applicant. It is his case that he invested Rs.59 lakhs with the Applicant. The Applicant had promised to pay Rs.2 lakhs per month by way of interest. The gist of the FIR is that the Applicant had given only Rs.6,50,000/- to the informant and the due amount was to the tune of Rs.79 lakhs. On this basis, the FIR is lodged. According to the informant, the Applicant had acted with dishonest intention and misappropriated the informant's amount.

4. Learned counsel for the Applicant, without prejudice to the rights and contention and on instructions of the Applicant, who is present in the Court, makes a statement that the Applicant is willing to settle the dispute with the informant. The

Applicant has already refunded substantial amount which can be verified through the bank entries.

5. Learned APP submitted that the investigating agency will have to verify this claim.
6. Considering these submissions, mainly based on the submissions of the learned counsel that the Applicant is desirous of settling the matter with the informant, today he can be protected by way of ad-interim relief.
7. Hence, the following order :

ORDER

- (i) In the event of his arrest in connection with C.R.No.643/2023, dated 30/11/2023, registered with Dehu Road Police Station, Pimpri-Chinchwad, till the next date, the Applicant is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing PR bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees

Thirty Thousand Only) with one or two sureties in the like amount.

- (ii) The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station from 02/04/2024 to 04/04/2024 between 01.00 p.m. to 05.00 p.m. and thereafter as and when called and shall cooperate with the investigation.
- (iii) This order shall operate till 24/04/2024.
- (iv) Stand over to 24/04/2024.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)