

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1590 OF 2024

Usha Vinok Kamble ... Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra & Anr. ... Respondents

Mr. Narayan Rokade for the Applicant.
Mr. Tanveer Khan, APP for Respondent No.1-State.
Mr. Pawar Sagar, API, Haveli Police Station, Pune (Rural).

**CORAM: MANISH PITALE, J.
DATE : 20th JUNE 2024**

P.C. :

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

2. In the present case, the FIR was filed as far back as on 2nd July 2018 against the applicant and other co-accused persons for offences under Sections 354-A and 420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC), Sections 8 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act) and Sections 2 and 3 of the Maharashtra Prevention and Eradication of Human Sacrifice and Other Inhuman, Evil and Aghori Practices and Black Magic Act, 2013.

3. The Police completed the investigation and filed charge-sheet. There are three other accused persons in the present case.

While the FIR was registered as far back as in the year 2018, the applicant filed anticipatory bail application before the Sessions Court in the year 2024, that is after six years and the same has been dismissed by order dated 17th January 2024. The Sessions Court has correctly recorded that the applicant has been absconding, charge-sheet has been filed against her under Section 299 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Cr.P.C.) and even the trial of the co-accused persons is held up due to the absence of the applicant.

4. This Court finds that applicant cannot press the present application after such a huge time gap of six years, particularly, when it is claimed by the Police that she was not traceable. There are serious offences registered against the accused in the present case and therefore, no case is made out for entertaining the present application.

5. In view of the above, the application stands dismissed.

MANISH PITALE, J.