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

Anticipatory Bail Application No.2406 of 2024

Shekhar Kakasaheb Jagtap

Age: 45 years, Occupation : Advocate,

Residing at Flat No.B-1, Ground Floor,

Commonwealth Building, The United CHS,

Plot No.181, Madam Cama Road, Opposite

to Air India Building, Mumbai – 400 021.

... Applicant

v/s.

State of Maharashtra

(Through Thane Nagar Police Station, Thane)

... Respondent

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Mr Karan Kadam, a/w. Ms Sairuchita Chowdhary, Mr Akash Pandey
and Mr Ishan Paradkar, for the Applicant.

Mr Amit A Palkar, APP, for Respondent State.

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Coram : R.N. Laddha, J.

Date : 27 August 2024

P.C. :

. Not on board. Taken on board.

2. Heard Mr Karan Kadam, the learned Counsel representing
the applicant, and Mr Amit A Palkar, the learned Additional Public
Prosecutor representing the respondent/ State.

3. The applicant has approached this Court projecting extreme urgency in the matter for the reason that he apprehends arrest in connection with the FIR bearing CR No.742 of 2024, registered with Thane Nagar Police Station, Thane. The learned Counsel for the applicant submits that, owing to the Sessions Court's holiday on account of the "Gopal Kala", the applicant is currently unable to apply for anticipatory bail in the Sessions Court, and is therefore, seeking temporary protection from this Court until such time as the Sessions Court reopens and the applicant can formally seek anticipatory bail.

4. This Court refrains from delving into the merits of the matter or assessing entitlement to the anticipatory bail. However, considering the possibility of applicant's arrest in connection with the aforesaid crime, it deems it prudent to provide protection for a reasonable duration. This measure addresses the contingency of the pre-arrest bail, being filed by the applicant. Hence, the following order:

ORDER

- (i) The applicant is granted protection from coercive action or arrest in connection with the present crime for a period of two days starting today, i.e. 29 August 2024. The applicant, during this period, shall not engage in any behaviour that

prejudice the ongoing investigation.

- (ii) The learned APP shall inform the concerned police station about this order.

5. The application stands disposed of in the above terms.

(R.N. Laddha, J.)