

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

Anticipatory Bail Application No.3391 of 2024

Kundan Eknath Mhatre Applicant.
Vs.
The State of Maharashtra & Anr. Respondents.

Mr Karan Mehta a/w Shubham Kadam, Sneha Pawar, Vishal Kolekar a/w Ashwin Pandey a/w H. Jagtap i/by Randhir Kale for the applicant.

Mr Swapnil Pednekar APP for respondent/State.

**Coram : R.N.Laddha, J.
Date : 13 December 2024.**

P.C. :

The learned Counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant has duly complied with the notice issued to him under Section 41-A of CrPC and had appeared before the investigating officer on 6 June 2024. The transaction impugned in the FIR is of the year 2014. There is no justification for filing the present FIR at such a belated stage. To show his *bona fides*, the applicant is ready to deposit Rs.50,00,000/- towards total amount alleged as recoverable.

2. Leave to implead the first informant as party respondent to this application. Amendment to be carried out forthwith.

3. In the meanwhile, the applicant to show his *bonafides*, shall deposit an amount of Rs.50,00,000/- with the Registry of this Court within four weeks.

4. The learned APP seeks an accommodation as the investigating officer is not present and assures the Court that the applicant will not be arrested till the next date.

5. Stand over to **17 January 2025**.

[R. N. Laddha,J.]