



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (ABA) NO. 682 OF 2024

Ankeet s/o Satishkumar Agrawal Vs State of Maharashtra and another.

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of
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or directions and Registrar's order

Court's or Judge's Order

Mr. P. V. Navlani, counsel for the applicant.

Mrs. R.V. Sharma, APP for non-applicant/State.

CORAM : URMILA JOSHI-PHALKE, J.
DATED : 26/09/2024.

1. Present application is filed by the present applicant for grant of pre-arrest bail in connection with Crime No.85/2024 registered with Police Station Officer, Division No.7, Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar, Punjab for the offence punishable under Sections 406, 420, 506 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code.

2. The crime is registered on the basis of a report lodged by one Gurpreet Singh Gurdarshan Singh, alleging that he got acquaintance with the co-accused, who is arrested, and he induced him to invest Rs. 20.00 crores on the assurance that if he invested the said amount, he would get Rs. 30.00 crores in a month on which the complainant has invested the money, but he has not received any returns on the said investment. On the contrary, he was duped by the co-accused—Shrirang and other co-accused. It is alleged that the co-accused Shrirang had deposited the amount in the account of the present applicant, and therefore, he is arraigned as an accused.

3. Learned counsel, Mr. P.V. Navlani, for the applicant submitted that the name of the present applicant is not appearing in the FIR. No specific role is attributed to the present applicant. He is arraigned as an accused only because, some amount has been deposited in his account. As far as the custodial interrogation is concerned, which immediately is not required. He submitted that other co-accused are already protected by granting transit anticipatory bail by this Court. He submitted that recently he has received the notice under Section 14-A, but there is an appreciation that he may be arrested, and therefore, he approached this Court.

4. Learned APP strongly opposed the application on the ground that, considering the huge magnitude of the amount involved in the said crime, the application deserves to be rejected.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the applicant and learned APP for the State. Perused the recitals of the FIR, from which it reveals that the entire allegations are made against the co-accused, who is accused No. 1, namely Shrirang, who is the son of the applicant in Criminal Application (ABA) No. 590 of 2024, which was decided on 14/08/2024, i.e., Anjali Chandrachud Ratnaparkhi. As far as the involvement of the present applicant is concerned, admittedly his name is not mentioned, but as per the submission of learned counsel, he is arraigned as an accused, merely because some amount was deposited in this

account. Considering the same, immediate custodial interrogation of the present applicant is not required, and therefore, the applicant can be protected for two weeks till he approaches the concerned court for grant of anticipatory bail. Accordingly, I proceed to pass the following order:

- a. The application is allowed.
 - b. In the event of the arrest, the applicant – Ankeet Satishkumar Agrawal, in connection with Crime No.85/2024 registered with Police Station Officer, Division No.7, Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar, Punjab for the offence punishable under Sections 406, 420, 506 and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, shall be released on Transit Anticipatory bail for two weeks on executing PR. bond of Rs. 25,000/- each with one solvent surety each in the like amount.
 - c. The applicant shall attend the concerned police station when he was called for the investigation purpose and shall cooperate with the investigating agency.
 - d. The applicant shall not induce, threat or promise any witnesses who are acquainted with the facts of the case.
6. The application is disposed of.

[URMILA JOSHI-PHALKE, J.]