IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3277 OF 2025

Rakesh R. Varma ...Applicant
V/s.
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent.

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Advocate Karim Pathan a/w. Adv. Fazlurrahman Shaikh for the Applicant (through VC)
Mr. B.V. Holambe Patil, APP for the Respondent/State. `
PSI Ayubkha Pathan, Sion Police Station is present.

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CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 19.12.2025.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for anticipatory bail.

2. The applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No. 341 of 2025 registered at Sion Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

3. According to the prosecution case, the daughter of the first informant had cleared the NEET Examination, however, due to insufficient marks, she was unable to secure admission in the MBBS course. The first informant thus in the pursuit of securing admission through the management quota contacted the applicant, who at the relevant time was working as the Assistant Dean in Lokmanya Tilak Medical College, Sion Mumbai. According

to the prosecution, the present applicant promised the first informant that he would secure admission for the first informant's daughter to the M.B.B.S. course under the management quota and told him to contact co-accused Akhilesh. It is alleged that when the first informant met the co-accused Akhilesh on 15th September 2020, he was informed that that a sum of Rs.1 crore would be required for securing the said admission. After negotiation, the first informant allegedly paid Rs.70 lakhs to the applicant and co-accused from time to time. It is further alleged that a forged letter confirming the admission was also sent to the first informant. The allegations against the present applicant and co-accused are thus of defrauding the first informant to the tune of Rs.70 lakhs.

4. I have heard the learned counsel appearing for the applicant and the learned APP for the respondent / State.

5. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant was in jail from 22nd December 2020 to 8th October 2022 in connection with another crime. It is submitted that thus there was no question of the applicant sending any e-mail to the first informant on 28th January 2021 in relation to the confirmation of admission. It is submitted that there is a delay of 5 years in lodging the first information report.

6. On the other hand, learned APP for the respondent/State submits that the applicant is involved in a serious crime of cheating and forgery. It is submitted that in addition to the present

crime, the applicant is involved in 10 more crimes of similar nature. It is submitted that considering the nature of crime, the applicant may not be released on anticipatory bail.

7. I have perused the first information report. There are specific allegations against the applicant. The applicant is involved in 10 more crimes of similar nature. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, I am not inclined to release the applicant on anticipatory bail. Hence, the Application is rejected.

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]