

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3865 OF 2024

Vikas Parik	...Applicant
V/s.	
State of Maharashtra	...Respondent.

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Mr. Tanmay Karmarkar for the Applicant (through VC)
Mr. Tanveer Khan, APP for the Respondent/State.

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CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 16.04.2025.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for regular bail.

2. The applicant came to be arrested in Crime No.1074 of 2023 registered at Hinjewadi Police Station, Pimpri - Chinchwad for the offences punishable under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120(B) read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 66(D) of the Information and Technology Act.

3. The allegations against the present applicant and the other co-accused are of defrauding the complainant to the tune of Rs.71,82,520/- through on-line fraud.

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

5. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that there is no admissible evidence against the applicant to connect him with the alleged crime. It is submitted that the applicant is in jail for 1 year and 6 months and the offences are triable by the Magistrate. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future as it is still at the stage of framing of charge. It is thus submitted that the applicant may be released on bail.

6. On the other hand, learned APP for the respondent/State submits that the applicant is involved in serious crime of on-line fraud. It is submitted that the applicant is involved in two more crimes of similar nature. It is submitted that considering the nature of crime, the applicant may not be released on bail.

7. The offences are triable by the Magistrate. The applicant is in jail for 1 year and 6 months and the trial has not commenced. Considering the said facts, I am inclined to release the applicant on bail. Hence, the following order is passed.

ORDER

A] The Application is allowed.

B] The applicant be released on bail in C.R. No. 1074 of 2023 registered at Hinjewadi Police Station, Pimpri - Chinchwad for the offences punishable under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120(B) read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 66(D) of the Information and Technology

Act on furnishing P.R Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) with one or two sureties in the like amount.

C] The applicant shall attend the concerned police station once in a month ,i.e., on first Saturday between 11.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. till conclusion of the trial.

D] The applicant shall not commit any other crime.

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]