

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3589 OF 2024

Pradeep Suresh Deshmukh	...Applicant
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra And Anr.	...Respondents

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Mr. Shashikant Marshal Sansare a/w Mr. Milind Babasaheb Thokal, Mr. Avinash Sudam Padwal, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mrs. G. P. Mulekar, A.P.P. for the Respondent – State.

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CORAM	:	N. R. BORKAR, J.
DATE	:	22nd JANUARY, 2025.

P.C.:

1. The applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No.978 of 2024 registered at Shirur Police Station, District : Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 7 & 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2. I have perused the First Information Report. The demand and acceptance is attributed to the co-accused - public servant.

3. According to the prosecution, the present applicant has acted as a middleman. However, admittedly the demand

was made by the co-accused and not through the present applicant. In that view of the matter, I am inclined to protect the applicant till next date.

4. List the application on 6th February 2025. In the meantime, the applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station from 27th January, 2025 to 30th January, 2025 at about 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and shall cooperate with the investigation.

5. Till next date, the applicant shall not be arrested.

(N. R. BORKAR, J.)