

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 194 OF 2025

Dr Santosh Chandrakant Katare	...Applicant
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra	...Respondent

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Mr. Aniket Vagal a/w Mr. Kunal N. Pednekar, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. C. D. Mali, A.P.P. for the Respondent – State.

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

P.C.:

1. This is an application for transit bail/anticipatory bail.
2. The applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No.78 of 2024, registered at CCB(OCW West) Bengaluru City Police Station, for the offences punishable under Sections 506, 504, 120B, 419, 420, 468, 471 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code.
3. The learned counsel for the applicant pointed out the notice under Section 35(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 Act, asking him to attend the concerned Police

Station on 09.01.2025 at 10:30 a.m.. It is submitted that the applicant has nothing to do with the alleged crime. It is submitted that a limited protection be therefore granted to the applicant to appear before the concerned Investigating Officer in response to the notice and to approach the jurisdictional Court for anticipatory bail.

4. On the other hand, the learned A.P.P. for the Respondent-State submits that in the FIR there are allegations of forgery and cheating. It is submitted that considering the nature of offence, the protection as sought by the applicant may not be granted.

5. I have perused the translated version of the FIR. There are no allegations against the applicant. In that view of the matter, I am inclined to to protect the applicant for three weeks. Hence, the following order :

ORDER

- (i) The Application is allowed;
- (ii) In the event of arrest of the applicant in connection with Crime No.78 of 2024, registered at CCB(OCW West) Bengaluru City Police Station, for the offences punishable

under Sections 506, 504, 120B, 419, 420, 468, 471 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, he shall be released on bail on furnishing P. R. Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount;

(iii) This order shall remain in force for the period of three weeks from today.

(N. R. BORKAR, J.)