



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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 508/2025

MANOJKUMAR CHHAJER

..APPLICANT

VS.

STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ANR.

..RESPONDENTS

Adv. Shadab Khopekar for applicant.
Mr. Anand S. Shalgaonkar, APP for State.
Adv. Sanket Vishe for respondent no.2.
API Dhanraj Prabhale, APMC Police Station.

CORAM : RAJESH S. PATIL, J.

DATE : APRIL 21, 2025.

P.C. :

1. The learned counsel appearing for respondent no.2 – SBI Bank submits that the present applicant is a mastermind behind the crime. The SBI had granted “SB Collect and International Facility”. A sum of Rs.1,52,13,051.56 was disbursed to one Mr. Amit Lala. Out of the said amount a sum of Rs.82,43,000/- was received by the present applicant from the said Amit Lala. There are in all eight accused, few of the accused have been granted regular bail. He submits that a big fraud is played by the present applicant. It is necessary to reveal the chain of the crime. Therefore, the custody of the present applicant is necessary.

- 2.** After the matter was argued for half an hour, the learned counsel for the respondent no.2 – SBI Bank submits that the reply has already been filed.
- 3.** Stand over to **23/4/2025**.
- 4.** The ad-interim protection granted earlier to continue till the next date of the hearing.

(RAJESH S. PATIL, J.)