

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 556 OF 2025

Mehul Motilal Jethva

..... Applicant

VERSUS

State of Maharashtra

..... Respondent

Dr. Abhinav Chandrachud a/w. Mr.Saurish Shetye, Mr. Pranit Kulkarni, Mr. Pavan Pandey, Ms.Sneha Mishra, Ms. Kajal Mishra, Ms.Kalpana Vatkar, Mr. Pravin Kumar Pande i/b. Mr.Prem Kumar Pandey for the Applicant.

Mr.Nitin B. Patil, A.P.P for the State.

Mr. Mohammed Zahid Buff i/b. L.J.Law for the Intervener.

Mr. Anil Gaikwad, A.P.I., Manpada Police Station present.

CORAM : RAJESH S. PATIL, J.

DATE : 27th FEBRUARY, 2025

P.C. :-

Dr.Chandrachud, learned counsel for the applicant seeks liberty to add the first informant as a party respondent. Liberty as prayed, is granted. Amendment to be carried out forthwith.

2. After the matter was argued for some time, the learned counsel for the applicant, on instructions submits that to show his bonafide,

the applicant is ready to deposit a sum of Rs.96,54,668/- within a period of three months from today with this Court. He submits that within a period of one week from today, the applicant will deposit a sum of Rs.15,00,000/-.

3. Mr. Buff, learned counsel for the first informant submits that he will take instructions from the first informant as regards the time schedule mentioned by Dr.Chandrachud.

4. The learned A.P.P. submits that there are antecedents against the present applicant. Even in the order and as per the antecedents, a sum of Rs.15 crores is outstanding against the present applicant. He submits that even in the present proceedings while rejecting the anticipatory bail application, the Session Court has observed in paragraph nos. 4, 5 and 6 that once the applicant is granted some kind of protection and he furnishes the cheques and the cheques issued by him are dishonoured.

5. Stand over to **10th March, 2025**. Matter to come up under the caption of '**Urgent Circulation**'.

6. The applicant is permitted to deposit a sum of Rs.15,00,000/- with the Registry of this Court within a period of one week from today.

[RAJESH S. PATIL, J.]