

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.2008 OF 2025

Rahul Gautam S/o Vijay Pal Singh ... Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra ... Respondent

Mr. Ravi Jaiswal for the Applicant.

Mr. B. V. Holambe Patil, APP for the Respondent-State.

API Datta Jadhav, Dongri PS is present.

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.

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1. This is an Application for anticipatory bail.
2. The Applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No.247 of 2024 registered with Dongri Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 120-B, 409, 420, 465, 468, 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
3. It is the case of the prosecution that in the year 2023 the complainant came across an instagram advertisement of a company named 'The Internationally' in respect of admission for a post graduation course in Spain. It is alleged that with regards to the said advertisement, the complainant contacted co-accused Vivek, who assured him to get an admission to the said post graduation course. Pursuant to the said assurance, it is alleged that the complainant deposited an amount of Rs.14,10,000/- in the bank accounts of the co-accused. It is alleged that

upon reaching Spain for attending the said course, the complainant discovered that he had to make his own living arrangements, for which he spent Rs.90,00,000/-. Furthermore, the letters handed over by the Applicant with regards to the said course were found to be forged. It is alleged that the present Applicant has defrauded the complainant to the tune of Rs.15,00,000/- as well as provided forged documents in relation to the said course.

4. I have heard Learned Counsel for the Applicant and Learned Counsel for the Respondent-State.

5. Learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that the Applicant has nothing to do with the alleged crime. It is submitted that the Applicant has forwarded the said documents to the complainant at the instance of the other co-accused. It is further submitted that the investigation is over and the prosecution has filed chargesheet in the crime in question.

6. On the other hand, Learned APP for the Respondent-State submits that the Applicant is involved in serious offence of cheating and forgery. It is submitted that the Applicant is involved in five more crimes of similar nature registered at different police stations. It is submitted that considering the nature of crime, the Applicant may not be released on anticipatory bail.

7. I have perused the First Information Report. There are specific allegations against the present Applicant. It appears that the documents

provided to the complainant by the present Applicant were forged. In that view of the matter and as the Applicant is involved in five more crimes of similar nature, I am not inclined to release the Applicant on anticipatory bail. Hence, the Anticipatory Bail Application is rejected.

(N.R. BORKAR, J.)