IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CR. ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLN. NO. 15 OF 2024

Shrikant Dnyandev Chougule And Anr ……Applicants
VERSUS.
The State Of Maharashtra ……Respondent

Mr. Wasim Samlewale, for Applicants.

Mr. S. S. Chaudhari, A.P.P., for the Respondent-State.

None for Intervenor.

Officer: Mr. S. R. Salunkhe, Ashta Police Station, District Sangli, present.

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DATE : 14th OCTOBER, 2026.

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1. Heard, Mr. Wasim Samlewale, learned Advocate for the Applicants and Mr. S. S. Chaudhary, learned A.P.P., for the Respondent-State.

2. On 8th January 2024, the following order was passed:

> *"1. The Applicants are seeking anticipatory bail in connection with C.R.No.273/2023, dated 04/11/2023, registered with Ashta Police Station, Sangli, under sections 406, 420, 504, 506 r/w 34 of the Indian Penal Code.*

2. *Heard Mr. Wasim Samlewale, learned counsel for the Applicant and Ms. Pallavi N. Dabholkar, learned APP for the State.*

3. *The gist of the FIR is that on various occasions the Applicants asked for financial help and in all obtained Rs.15,00,000/- from him. But the amount was not returned and therefore the offence is registered.*

4. *Learned counsel for the Applicants submitted that the Applicant No.2 has already returned the entire amount taken by her. He submitted that the informant has not approached any Civil Court for recovery of his amount. It appears to be a civil dispute and the informant is pressurizing the Applicants by filing the present complaint.*

5. *Learned APP is seeking time. Therefore, at her instance today I am adjourning the matter.*

6. *Considering these submissions made by learned counsel for the Applicants, they can be protected by ad-interim relief.*

7. *Hence, the following order :*

O R D E R

(i) In the event of their arrest in connection with C.R.No.273/2023, dated 04/11/2023, registered with Ashta Police Station, Sangli , till the next date, the Applicants are directed to be released on bail on their furnishing PR bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand Only) each, with one or two sureties each, in the like amount.

(ii) The Applicants shall attend the concerned Police Station from 22/01/2024 to

24/01/2024

between 01.00 to 04.00 p.m. and thereafter as and when called and shall cooperate with the

investigation.

(iii) This order shall operate till 20/02/2024.

(iv) Stand over to 20/02/2024."

3. Mr. Wasim Samlewale, learned Advocate for the Applicants, submits that the Applicants have appeared before the Investigating Officer and have fully cooperated with the investigation in Crime No. 273 of 2023. He further submits that the investigation in Crime No. 273 of 2023 is complete and that the charge-sheet has been filed. He submits that the case is registered as R.C.C. No. 351 of 2024 and is pending before the 5th Judicial Magistrate First Class, Islampur ("Trial Court"). He further states that the Applicants regularly appear before the Trial Court in the proceedings R.C.C. No. 351 of 2024.

4. Mr. S. S. Chaudhari, learned A.P.P. for the Respondent–State, submits that the proceedings R.C.C. No. 351 of 2024 as submitted by Mr. Wasim Samlewale are pending trial before the 5th Judicial Magistrate First Class, Islampur.

5. Considering the submissions made by Mr. Wasim Samlewale, learned Advocate for the Applicants and Mr. S. S. Chaudhari, learned A.P.P. for the Respondent–State, further having regard to the fact that the Applicants were granted interim bail by order dated 8th January, 2024, which has continued till date and that there are no allegations of any breach of the bail conditions by the Applicants, this Application is allowed, by confirming the Order dated 8th January, 2024 and made absolute in terms of paragraph 7(i) thereof.

6. Criminal Anticipatory Bail Application No.15 of 2024 is disposed of.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)