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

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CR. ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLN. NO. 903 OF 2024

Laxman Sidram Jetithor ……Applicant
VERSUS.
The State Of Maharashtra ……Respondent

WITH
CR. ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLN. NO. 1038 OF 2024

Banti @ Shubham Ankush Gaikwad ……Applicant
VERSUS
The State Of Maharashtra ……Respondent

WITH
CR. ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLN. NO. 1039 OF 2024

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The State Of Maharashtra ……Respondent

Mr. Viresh Purwant (Through VC), for Applicant in all applications.

Mr. Kumar V. Saste, A.P.P., for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.

DATE : 14th OCTOBER, 2026.

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1. Heard Mr. Viresh Purwant, learned Advocate for the Applicant and Mr. Kumar V. Saste, learned A.P.P., for the Respondent-State.

2. On 3rd May 2024, the following order was passed in these Applications:

> *"1. In all these applications a common order is passed today because they arise out of the same registered offence.*
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> *2. The Applicants are seeking anticipatory bail in connection with C.R.No.326/2023, dated 09/06/2023, registered with Vijapur Naka Police Station, Solapur City, under sections 420, 467, 468, 471 r/w 120-B of the Indian Penal Code.*
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> *3. Heard Mr. Rahul B. Vijaymane, learned counsel for the Applicant and Smt. Madhavi H. Mhatre, learned APP for the State.*
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> *4. The gist of the FIR is that the first informant Shrishailkumar Hadimani was residing in USA. He wanted to purchase some land in Solapur. The main accused Manoj Godbole extracted Rs.4 Crores from the informant. He had represented to the informant that he was a Nayab Tahsildar and he was aware of many lands which could be purchased by the informant by paying dues of the Government on those lands. It was a false representation. Forged permission bearing Government seals were sent by telephonic messages to the informant. It was fraudulent. The informant had lost his money. On this basis, the FIR is lodged.*
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> *5. The allegations against the present three Applicants are that after his arrest, the main accused Manoj gave statement u/s 27 of the Evidence Act and led the police to their offices and houses. The said accused had told the police that out of the money, which he had received in this offence, he had paid various amounts to these three Applicants.*
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> *6. Learned counsel for the Applicants submitted that the main accused Manoj had made a similar statement mentioning the*

name of one more accused Yallubai Jadhav. However, the investigating agency does not want to arrest her and she was protected by anticipatory bail order. It turned out that there was some different transaction between the said accused Yallubai and Manoj. Thus, there is a reasonable possibility that the main accused Manoj has deliberately implicated all these three accused to settle his personal score.

7. I have considered these submissions. The investigating agency has to be given a reasonable opportunity to make enquiries with the Applicants in this connection. The Applicant Laxman Jetithor was directed to appear before the investigating agency on particular dates. He has so attended. However, considering the nature of the allegations, it is important that all these three Applicants are directed to attend the concerned police station on some particular dates. So that the investigation can proceed effectively. Till the next date, on this condition, the Applicants can be protected.

8. Hence, the following order :

O R D E R

(i) In the event of their arrest in connection with C.R.No.326/2023, dated 09/06/2023, registered with Vijapur Naka Police Station, Solapur City, 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 10/06/2024, 11/06/2024 and 12/06/2024 between 01.00 p.m. to 05.00 p.m. and thereafter as and when called and shall

cooperate with the investigation.

(iii) It is made clear that the investigating agency can call these Applicants for interrogation even prior to that.

(iv) This order shall operate till 27/06/2024.

(v) Stand over to 27/06/2024."

3. Mr. Viresh Purwant, learned Advocate for the Applicants in all these Applications, submits that the Applicants have appeared before the Investigating Officer and cooperated with the investigation in Crime No. 326 of 2023. He further submits that the Applicants shall continue to cooperate with the investigation and appear before the Investigating Officer as and when required.

4. Mr. Kumar V. Saste, learned A.P.P. for the Respondent–State, submits that the investigation in Crime No. 326 of 2023 is complete and that the charge-sheet would be filed shortly.

5. Considering the submissions made by Mr. Viresh Purwant, learned Advocate for the Applicants in these three Applications and by Mr. Kumar V. Saste, learned A.P.P. for the Respondent–State, further having regard to the fact that the Applicants were granted interim bail on 3rd May, 2024, which remains in force to date and that there are no allegations of breach of the liberty granted to the Applicants or of violation of any bail conditions, these Applications are disposed of by confirming the Order

dated 3rd May, 2024, and making it absolute in terms of paragraphs 8(i) and 8(iii) thereof, subject to the following additional conditions:

ORDER

A) The Applicants shall appear and report to the Investigating Officer as and when required by the Investigating Officer investigating Crime No.326 of 2023.

B) The Applicants shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat, or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case to dissuade such person from disclosing the facts to the Court or any police officer.

C) The Applicants shall not tamper with the evidence, in any manner.

D) The Applicants shall provide the Investigating Officer with their residential address along with proof, their contact number, email and must inform the Investigating Officer of any changes to this information from time to time.

6. Criminal Anticipatory Bail Application Nos.903, 1038 and 1039 of 2024 are disposed of.

(ASHWIN D. BHOBE, J.)