



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (APL) NO. 504 OF 2024

Pradip s/o Khulas Rathod Vs State of Maharashtra and another.

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Court's or Judge's Order

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CORAM : PRAVIN S. PATIL, J.

DATE : 12/02/2026

1. Heard.
2. The applicant herein is challenging the criminal proceedings registered against him in view of the Chargesheet bearing Crime No. 86 of 2022 for the offence punishable under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
3. It is the submission of the applicant that he was appointed as an Agricultural Assistant on a contractual basis under the orders of Educational Joint Director, Agricultural, Amravati Division, Amravati on a fixed payment. According to him, he does not fall within the purview of the offence which is registered under the provisions of Prevention of Corruption Act. Hence, he seeks indulgence of this Court in the matter.
4. However, in my opinion, this aspect can be dealt with by the trial Court and not by this Court while exercising the powers under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

5. In view of the above, the applicant is permitted to withdraw the present application, with liberty to prosecute Special Case No. 8/2024 pending before the Additional District and Sessions Judge, Akot.

6. The applicant has made a fair request that, because pendency of the case before Trial Court, he is unable to secure employment elsewhere. Therefore, the Trial Court is directed to take endeavor to decide the trial as expeditiously as possible, if there is no other impediment.

7. In view of this, the criminal application is **disposed of** as withdrawn.

(PRAVIN S. PATIL, J.)