

ORDER BELOW EXH.1 IN CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 320 OF 2022
(Vikram Vasant Shivdas Vs. State of Maharashtra)

The applicant/accused prayed for his release consequent to arrest at the instance of ACB, Satara in C.R.No.980 of 2022 registered under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 on 31/10/2022.

2) The prosecution case as revealed from the FIR that the applicant who is private person serving in Setu Office at Tahasil, Karad alleged to have demanded of an amount of Rs.50,000/- for himself and on behalf of Nayab Tahasildar Mr. Devkar for the purpose of getting Caste certificate by the daughter of informant, hence, the complaint.

3) Bail is prayed mainly on the ground that investigation is practically over, nothing is to be recovered at the instance of applicant, the applicant have fixed place of abode and ready to co-operate with the investigation agency.

4) Respondent vide reply Exh.5 objected the petition on the ground that investigation is still in progress, involvement of co-accused, if any, in the commission of purported offence is to be ascertained through the custodial interrogation of the applicant. Alternatively, it is prayed that in the event of release of applicant, he may be directed to join investigation.

5) Having heard Ld. Advocate for respective parties, it is seen that the applicant alleged to have demanded an amount of Rs.50,000/- from the informant for himself and on behalf of Public Servant for the purpose of getting Caste Certificate in the name of daughter of informant. Consequent thereto FIR has been lodged.

6) It is seen that consequent to registration of offence, the investigation in the matter is substantially progressed, the verification in respect of demand of bribe from the Public Servant has been done. Considering the nature of allegations, there remains nothing to be recovered at the instance of applicant. The applicant is co-operating with the investigating agency and therefore, the purpose of custodial interrogation is over.

7) The applicant has fixed place of abode. He has no any criminal antecedents to his discredit and ready to co-operate with the investigating agency, if released on bail. Care can be taken, by way of directing the applicant to join investigation. Accordingly, the application deserves to be allowed in terms of order below.

ORDER

- 1) Criminal Bail Application No.320 of 2022 allowed.
- 2) The applicant is released on executing P. B. and S.B. of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand) with one or two solvent surety/ies of like amount in connection with C.R.No.980 of 2022 registered with Karad City Police Station on following conditions :
 - a) He shall report Karad City Police Station on every Monday in between 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. till filing of charge-sheet or in the meanwhile on the written intimation by the Investigating Officer.
 - b) He shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat, promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or any police officer.
 - c) He shall not tamper the Prosecution witnesses.
 - d) In the event of breach of any of the conditions, as

narrated above, without any further order the liberty granted to the above applicants shall stand cancelled.

- 3) Criminal Bail Application No.320 of 2022 stands disposed of accordingly.

(Pronounced and dictated in open Court).

Place : Karad.
Date : 5th November, 2022.

(V. V. Kathare)
Addl. Sessions Judge
Karad.