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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

VASANT
ANANDRAO
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ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.1123 OF 2026

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Shaikh Mohd. Arham Ashraf ...Applicant
V/s.
State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr.R.D. Suryawanshi with Mr.Suraj N. Naik for the Applicant.

Mr.A.S. Gawai, APP for the Respondent – State.

Mr.K.D. Vartha, PSI attached to Padgha Police Station, Bhiwandi is present in Court.

CORAM : PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR, J.
DATE : 9TH JUNE, 2026.

P.C. :-

1. Heard learned counsel for the Applicant.
2. The Applicant apprehends arrest in C.R.No. 17 of 2016, registered vide FIR dated 31st January, 2016 with Padgha Police Station, Thane for the offences punishable under the provisions of Maharashtra Animal Preservation Act, 1976 and Section 429 of the Indian Penal Code.
3. Learned counsel for the Applicant submits that the

alleged offence has occurred in 2016 and although the FIR was registered and even after the chargesheet is filed, the custodial interrogation of the Applicant was never sought for.

4. He submits that at the stage of his application for grant of passport, the Investigation Officer is taking steps to arrest the Applicant and therefore he has sought for the protection vide this application.

5. Considering the fact that the alleged offence is of the year 2016 in which the chargesheet is already filed, I find that the personal liberty of the Applicant needs to be protected by granting ad-interim protection. Hence I pass the following order :

ORDER:

- a). Issue notice to the Respondent, returnable on 1st July, 2026.
- b). In the event of the arrest of the Applicant in crime No.17 of 2016, he shall be released on P.R. bond of Rs.25,000/- and solvent surety of the like amount.
- c). The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police

Station as and when directed and shall co-operate the
Investigating Agency.

(PRAFULLA S. KHUBALKAR, J.)