

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2077 OF 2023

Bhaulal Chhagan Pawar	...Applicant
vs.	
The State of Maharashtra	...Respondent

Mr. Akshay H. Bankapur i/by Mr. Madhukar Kale - Advocate for the Applicant

Mr. S. R. Agarkar - APP for the Respondent-State

Dy. Sp. EOW Palghar, Santosh Raut

CORAM : S. M. MODAK, J.

DATE : 10th AUGUST, 2023

P. C. :-

1. Heard learned Advocate Akshay H. Bankapur for the Applicant and learned APP for Respondent-State. Investigating Officer is present.

2. Applicant apprehends an arrest in connection with C.R. No. 197 of 2022 registered with Jawhar Police Station on 12th October, 2022. It is for the offences under Sections 120-B, 196, 218, 406, 408, 420, 467, 468, 471, 409 read with 34 of Indian Penal Code. Now, the Economic Offences Wing – Palghar is investigating that offence.

3. The Applicant is working in forest department and the offence is registered on the background of some internal inquiry on the complaint lodged by private person. The sum and substance of the allegation in the FIR is that the Applicant working on different post has not fulfilled his responsibilities, he has not verified the papers and certain civil work costing Rs.78,16,78,868/- was carried out. The allegation is that it was only shown on paper that this work was carried out but in fact on the site, it was not carried out and all forged documents are prepared and money is appropriated.

4. Even though his Anticipatory Bail Application was rejected by the Court of Sessions Judge – Thane, he was on interim bail during pendency of that Application. There is no grievance that during that period, he has not cooperated the investigation. For hearing this Application, it will take time. So, let him be granted interim protection. Hence, order :-

O R D E R

- (i) In case of an arrest in connection with C.R. No. 197 of 2022 registered with Jawhar Police Station – District : Palghar for the offences punishable under

Sections 120-B, 196, 218, 406, 408, 420, 467, 468, 471, 409 read with 34 of IPC, the Applicant-Bhau Lal Chhagan Pawar be released on furnishing personal bond and surety bond of Rs.25,000/-.

- (ii) Applicant is directed to cooperate the Police as and when required.
- (iii) Applicant not to threaten the Prosecution witnesses or to allure them in any manner.
- (iv) Applicant not to leave the territorial limits of State of Maharashtra.

6. Matter be kept on **14th September, 2023** along with ABA Nos. 1969 of 2023, 1970 of 2023, 1895 of 2023, 1896 of 2023, 1988 of 2023, 1989 of 2023, 1990 of 2023.

7. All the parties to act on an authenticated copy of this order.

[S. M. MODAK, J.]