IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.676 OF 2024

Prakash Hotchand Bhatia Applicant

versus

State of Maharashtra & Anr. Respondents

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- Ms. Swapana Pramod Kode, Advocate for Applicant.
- Mr. Nitin B. Patil, APP for the State/Respondent.
- Ms. Urmila Bhatia, Party-in-person, Respondent No.2 present in Court.

CORAM: SARANG V. KOTWAL, J. DATE: 08th MARCH, 2024

P.C. :

- Leave to amend granted to Applicant to annex the copy
 of Sessions Court's order rejecting the Anticipatory Bail
 Application.
- 2. The Applicant is seeking anticipatory bail in connection with C.R.No.19/2024, dated 10/01/2024, registered with Samata Nagar Police Station, Mumbai, under sections 406, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 r/w 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

- 3. Heard Ms. Swapana Kode, learned counsel for the Applicant, Ms. Urmila Bhatia, Party-in-person, Respondent No.2 and Mr. Nitin B. Patil, learned APP for the State.
- 4. The first informant is appearing as the party in person.

 She seeks time to file Intervention Application/affidavit-in-reply with the relevant documents.
- 5. Considering her request, today I am adjourning the matter. However, till the Intervention Application or the affidavit-in-reply is filed and the matter is heard, the Applicant needs to be protected.
- 6. The Applicant is the husband of the first informant.

 The FIR itself mentions that there are disputes between the parties. Learned counsel for the Applicant as well as the first informant submitted that the divorce proceedings between two of them are still pending.

- 7. Considering the request made for adjournment and considering their relationship, till the next date, the Applicant can be protected by way of ad-interim relief.
- 8. Hence, the following order:

ORDER

- (i) In the event of his arrest in connection with C.R.No.19/2024, dated 10/01/2024, registered with Samata Nagar Police Station, Mumbai, till the next date, the Applicant is directed to be released on bail on his furnishing PR bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand Only) with one or two sureties in the like amount.
- (ii) This order shall operate till 16/04/2024.
- (iii) Stand over to 16/04/2024.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)