

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.208 OF 2018

Ganesh Subaram Gore		Applicant
<u>Vs.</u>		
The State of Maharashtra		Respondent

Mr. P.G. Sarda i/by Mr. S. Madhekar for the Applicant.
Mr. S.H. Yadav APP for the State.
Mr. A.R. Rawade, PSI, Koregaon Park police station, Pune city
present.

Coram : *Smt. Sadhana S. Jadhav, J.*
Date : *9th February, 2018*

P.C.:

1 Heard the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned APP.

2 This is an application under Section 438 Code of Criminal Procedure. The applicant herein is apprehending his arrest in Crime No.127 of 2017, registered at Koregaon Park Police Station, Pune for the offences punishable under Sections 3,4,5, 6 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act (PITA) and under Section 370(A) of Indian Penal Code.

3 It is the case of the prosecution that on 11th July, 2017, Sheetal Dayanand Bhalekar, Assistant Police Inspector, Social Service Branch, Pune lodged a report at the police station that on 10th June, 2017 on the basis of the secret information, they had learnt that one Pintu Mauritius was appointing agents in various places and that there was a racket of prostitution. There were several agents appointed. It is alleged that the applicant happens to be one of the agent, who is working as a subordinate of agent- Krushna Yadav. With the help of decoy, the police had raided the premises of Clover Garden, Atul Park Society, Gore Park and had verified the same. That it was revealed that there were several girls from different states. As far as the present applicant is concerned, one of the girl, who was rescued has disclosed to the police that she was introduced to the applicant by a friend. He had introduced her to prostitution on the ground that she would earn almost Rs.3,000/- per day. The girl happens to be a major. The applicant has no criminal antecedents. The victim girl had disclosed that they had voluntarily entered into the prostitution. In the above mentioned facts, the applicant deserves to be granted pre-arrest bail.

4 However, the observations made hereinabove are prima facie in nature. The learned Sessions Court shall not be influenced by the above observations at the time of hearing the application for

discharge or quashing of FIR or at the time of trial. The same be decided on its own merits. Hence, the following order is passed :

ORDER

- 1 The application is allowed.
- 2 In the event of arrest, the applicant be enlarged on bail on furnishing P.R. bonds in the sum of Rs.50,000/- with one or more solvent sureties in the like amount.
- 3 The applicant shall report to the concerned police station from 15th February 2018 to 22nd February 2018 everyday between 10.30 am. to 12.00 noon and co-operate with the investigating agency.

The application is accordingly disposed of.

(*Smt. Sadhana S. Jadhav, J*)