

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

**ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1960 OF 2018**

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| Pravin Ramanna Alva @ Pravin Shetty | ... | Applicant  |
| Versus                              |     |            |
| The State of Maharashtra            | ... | Respondent |

Ms. Trupti Shetty i/b Mr. Firoz Ahmed for the Applicant.  
Mr. S.H. Yadav, A.P.P. for the Respondent – State.

**CORAM : P.N. DESHMUKH, J.**

**DATED : 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL, 2019.**

**P.C. :**

1            Heard learned Counsel for applicant and learned A.P.P. Applicant is protected by interim order of this Court dated 25.09.2018. Perusal of case dairy would indicate that applicant's involvement is merely on statement of co-accused Manoj Shetty, Manager of Shrushti Lodge, where raid is to be carried out on 27.07.2018 under the provisions of PITA Act. Though it is the case, as stated by learned A.P.P. that applicant is owner of said premises and along with co-accused Manoj Shetty, were jointly running business involving females in prostitution and were sharing their proceeds among themselves with the girls. Said case of prosecution does not appears to be reliable as on perusal of leave and licence

agreement placed on record it indicates that one Sandeep is the owner of premises which is Lodge and applicant had entered into leave and licence agreement of said Lodge which was valid till 30.04.2018 i.e. much prior to the raid. In that view of the matter, applicant's involvement is not prima facie found in the present crime.

2                Similarly perusal of F.I.R. would reveal that two victims found involved in this crime are major and as per their statements, they on their own had indulged into prostitution. Said contents are recorded in the F.I.R. lodged by Assistant Police Inspector of Bharti Vidyapith Police Station, Pune. Having considered the overall facts as aforesaid, interim order in force is liable to be confirmed as per order below.

#### ORDER

Interim order dated 25.09.2018 stands confirmed on same terms and conditions. Application stands disposed of as allowed.

**(P.N. DESHMUKH, J.)**