

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 203 OF 2020

Chandraprakash Nanakchand
Agarwal

....Applicant

v/s.

The State of Maharashtra

....Respondent

Mr. Sanjeev Kadam i/by. Mr. Prashant Raul,
Advocate for the applicant.

Mrs. Rutuja Aambekar, APP for the State.

API, S.B. Kolekar, Kasturba Marg Police Station.

CORAM : SANDEEP K. SHINDE, J.***Friday, 24th January, 2020.*****P.C. :**

1. Heard.

2. Prima-facie, there is material on record to suggest that the applicant recruited more than one person for the purpose of "exploitation" within the meaning of Explanation-I read with Section 370(3) of the Indian Penal Code. The

offence is punishable with an imprisonment for a term not less than 10 years which may be extended to life.

3. The investigation is in progress. In this case, the hotel/establishment of the applicant was raided, wherein more than one person was found allegedly subjected to sexual exploitation. In view of this, the Anticipatory Bail Application is rejected.

4. It is made clear that observations made hereinabove shall be construed as expression of opinion only for the purpose of refusal to grant bail and the same shall not in any way influence the trial in other proceedings.

(SANDEEP K. SHINDE, J.)