

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION****CRIMINAL ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.640 OF 2020**

Abhijit A. Kalokhe .. Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent
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Mr.Rahul Kate for the Applicant.

Mr.S.V.Gavand, APP for the State.

CORAM: BHARATI DANGRE, J.

DATED : 7th JANUARY, 2021

P.C:-

1. On 16th December, 2020, after making *prima facie* observations on perusal of the case of the prosecution, the applicant was granted interim protection in the event of his arrest subject to the stipulation that he will co-operate with the investigation. Mr.Gavand, the learned APP states that pursuant to this direction, the applicant has co-operated with the investigation.

2. In the order dated 16th December, 2020, it was categorically noted that the essential ingredient of Section 3 of PITA being, having knowledge that the place is used as a brothel, was conspicuously absent. No material has been placed on record by the prosecution to establish said knowledge

on part of the applicant. The order dated 16th December, 2020 therefore needs a confirmation and is confirmed subject to the same stipulations.

3. The application stands disposed of.

SMT. BHARATI DANGRE, J