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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1179 OF 2021**

Sunita Navnath Sonawane	...	Applicant
Versus		
The State of Maharashtra	...	Respondents

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 2422 OF 2021
IN
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1179 OF 2021**

Ramdas Baban Gaikwad	...	Applicant
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Mr. Nitesh Mohite i/b Mr. Satyavrat Joshi, for the Applicant.

Mr. H. J. Dedhia, APP, for the State-Respondent.

Mr. Ganesh Bhujbal, for the Intervener in IA No. 2422 of 2021.

CORAM : V. G. BISHT, J.

DATE : 16th November, 2021.

PC:

The applicant is seeking Anticipatory Bail in connection with C.R. No. 148 of 2021 registered with Shirur Police Station, District- Pune Gramin, for the offences punishable under Sections 306, 384, 506 r/w 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

2 The prosecution has come up with a case that on 8th March, 2021 one Amol Gaikwad committed suicide by hanging to a rafter in his house. On 11th March, 2021, his uncle, namely, Ramdas Baban Gaikwad lodged a report that deceased was working on a crusher and was supplying daily needs of workers working on a crusher. According to prosecution, the applicant was running footwear shop and the deceased used to visit her shop for purchasing footwear for workers.

3 The prosecution next alleges that the applicant used to solicit sexual favours from the deceased and also demand moneys. She also had threatened him that she would implicate him under Section 376 of the Indian Penal Code and because of this deceased was required to pay moneys to her.

4 On the other hand, it is the case of the applicant that it was deceased, who used to call upon the applicant at odd hours and used to send whatsapp messages and video call. In fact, it was the deceased who was demanding the sexual favours from the applicant.

5 Heard learned Counsel for the Applicant and learned APP

6 On going through the record, it is seen that the present application had come up for hearing through video conferencing on 7th

May, 2021 before the Court (Coram: Smt. Sadhana S. Jadhav) and while granting ad-interim protection this Court directed the applicant to appear before the Investigating Officer and hand over the pen drive.

7 Learned APP submits that pursuant to the said order not only the applicant attended the police station but also handed over the pen drive to the Investigating Officer. Investigating Officer is also present.

8 In view of above, in my considered opinion, there is no necessity of custodial interrogation of the applicant. Hence, the following order.

ORDER

(i) Application is allowed.

(ii) Ad-interim protection granted by this Court on 7th May, 2021 is confirmed and made absolute.

(iii) Application stands disposed of accordingly.

(iv) In view of the order passed in Anticipatory Bail Application No. 1179 of 2021, Interim Application does not survive and the same is disposed of accordingly.

(V. G. BISHT, J.)