

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (ABA) NO. 474 OF 2021

Gouranga s/o Santosh Biswas
..vs..
State of Maharashtra, thr. P.S.O.

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's orders

Court's or Judge's orders

Shri A. Matin, Advocate for applicant.
Shri A.M. Deshpande, A.P.P. for non-applicant/State.

CORAM : VINAY JOSHI, J.
DATED : 25/08/2021

Heard.

2. In anticipation of arrest in Crime No.250 of 2021 registered with Sitabuldi Police Station, Nagpur City, District Nagpur for the offences punishable under Sections 3, 4, 5 and 7 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1959, the applicant is seeking pre-arrest protection.

3. Learned Counsel for the applicant also seeks for ad-interim protection.

4. The non-applicant/State resisted bail by filing affidavit-in-reply. It is contended that the applicant was running brothel house as well as procuring minor girls for the prostitution business. During the course of investigation, the co-accused, who was apprehended on the spot has stated that the applicant is running the concerned brothel house in partnership

styled as 'Nirvana Beauty SPA'. It is pointed out that, two girls were apprehended on the spot, who also stated that the applicant has brought them in to said business.

5. Contextually I have gone through the contents of the First Information Report as well as statement of girls, who were apprehended on the spot. It reveals that girls have specifically stated that the applicant has engaged them in said business. Thus, *prima facie*, there is sufficient material against the applicant showing his complicity in illegal activity. On various angles custodial interrogation is needed to reach to the truth. The offence is serious and antisocial.

6. In view of that, it is not a fit case to grant pre-arrest protection, hence, the Criminal Application stands rejected.

JUDGE

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