

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1090 OF 2022

Supriya Ramesh Baliga ... Applicant

Versus

State of Maharashtra ... Respondent

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Mr. Priyal Sarda for the Applicant.

Mr. A.R. Kapadnis, APP for the State.

Mr. Ganesh Ramesh Sambare, PN, present.

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CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.

DATED : 11 NOVEMBER 2022

P.C. :-

1. This is an application filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for grant of bail.

2. The applicant came to be arrested in Crime No. 656 of 2021 registered at Vijapur Naka Police Station, Solapur for the offence punishable under Section 370(A)(2) of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.

3. It is the case of the prosecution that on 16th December 2021, pursuant to the secret information, a raid was conducted at the premises of the applicant and she was found to be running brothel.

4. I have heard the learned Counsel for the applicant and the learned APP for the State.

5. The learned Counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is in jail since 17th December 2021 i.e. approximately for one year. It is submitted that there are no criminal antecedents. It is submitted that further detention of the applicant is not warranted as investigation is over. It is submitted that the applicant be thus released on bail.

5. On the other hand, the learned APP for the State submits that considering the nature of offence, the applicant may not be released on bail.

6. There are no minor victim. Considering this fact and as the applicant is in jail since 17th December 2021, I am inclined to release the applicant on bail. Hence, the following order is passed :

(i) Application is allowed.

(ii) The applicant - Supriya Ramesh Baliga be released on bail in Crime No. 656 of 2021 registered at Vijapur Naka Police Station, Solapur for the offence punishable under Section 370(A)(2) of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 on furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

- (iii) The applicant shall not tamper with the prosecution evidence.

(N.R. BORKAR, J.)