

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

BAIL APPLICATION NO.839/2022

PRAGATI RAMCHANDRA ZORE

..APPLICANT

VS.

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

..RESPONDENT

Mr. Aniket Nikam i/b Amit Icham for the Applicant.

Ms. A. A. Takalkar, APP for State.

CORAM : M. S. KARNIK, J.

DATE : JANUARY 7, 2023.

P.C. :

- 1.** Heard learned counsel for the applicant and the learned APP.
- 2.** This is an application for bail by the applicant- Pragati Ramchandra Zore in connection with C.R. No. 613 of 2021 dated 23/07/2021, registered with Charkop Police Station, under sections 306, 504 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
- 3.** The date of the incident on which Ankit Kokare committed suicide is 16/07/2021. Ankit left behind a suicide note. There are on record conversations between the deceased and the applicant. The applicant and the deceased were in a love relationship. From the

conversations it is seen that the relationship became strained. The applicant did not want the interference of the parents of the deceased in their life and she wanted the deceased to cut off his relationship with his parents, if the deceased wanted to continue the relationship with the applicant. The applicant was using local language and abusing the deceased as well as his parents.

4. Admittedly, from the records it appears that there was a love relationship between the applicant and the deceased. The WhatsApp chats/conversations revealed the abusive overtones used by the applicant against the parents of the deceased. Whether the same is sufficient to attract the ingredients of the offence under section 306 is a matter of trial. The suicide note and the contentions therein are not sufficient to deprive the applicant the facility of release on bail. The applicant is in custody since 03/11/2021 almost for the period of 1 year and 1 month. The investigation is complete and the charge-sheet is filed. No purpose will be served by prolonging the custody of the applicant as the trial is not likely to conclude any time soon. The applicant is a lady without any criminal antecedents. In such

circumstances, she could be released on bail. Hence, the following order.

: ORDER :

(a) Applicant- Pragati Ramchandra Zore shall be released on bail in connection with C.R. No. 613 of 2021 dated 23/07/2021, registered with Charkop Police Station, on furnishing P.R. Bond of Rs.25,000/- with one or more sureties in the like amount.

(b) The applicant shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing the facts to Court or any Police Officer. The applicant shall not tamper with evidence.

(c) On being released on bail, the applicant shall furnish her contact number and residential address to the Investigating Officer and shall keep him updated, in case there is any change.

5. The application is disposed of.

(M. S. KARNIK, J.)