

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3645 OF 2022

Sunil Shantaram Pawar ... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and another ... Respondents

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Mr. Balasaheb Deshmukh for the Applicant.

Mr. P.H. Gaikwad Patil, APP for the State.

Ms. Megha Gowalani for Respondent No.2.

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CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.

DATED : 13 MARCH 2023

P.C. :-

. 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. 581 of 2021 registered at Manchar Police Station, Pune for the offences punishable under Sections 376(2)(i), 376(2)(n), 376(2)(j), 506 of Indian Penal Code and Sections 4, 6, 8, 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

3. I have heard the learned Counsel for the applicant and the learned APP for the State and the learned Counsel for Respondent No.2.

4. According to the prosecution, the present applicant on several occasions committed sexual intercourse with the victim on the pretext that he would be marrying her, though he was aware that she is minor.

5. I have perused the charge-sheet. It appears that victim and applicant were in love relationship. The applicant is in jail for about 1½ years. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to release the applicant on bail. Hence, the following order is passed :

- (i) Application is allowed.
- (ii) The applicant - Sunil Shantaram Pawar be released on bail in Crime No. 581 of 2021 registered at Manchar Police Station, Pune for the offences punishable under Sections 376(2)(i), 376(2)(n), 376(2)(j), 506 of Indian Penal Code and Sections 4, 6, 8, 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, on furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

(N.R. BORKAR, J.)

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