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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

BAIL APPLICATION NO.303 OF 2025

Vishvanath Sopan Jadhav,
Age: 23 years, Occu.: Education,
R/o. Shivdi Bajirao, Tq. Loha,
Dist. Nanded. ... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra,
Through In-charge Police Inspector,
Police Station Sonkhed, Tq. Loha,
Dist. Nanded. ... Respondent

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Mr. S.R. Sapkal, Advocate for Applicant
Mr. C.V. Bhadane, APP for Respondent – State
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CORAM : ABHAY S. WAGHWASE, J.

RESERVED ON : 21 MARCH 2025

PRONOUNCED ON : 24 MARCH 2025

PER COURT :-

1. This is an application for enlargement on regular bail on account of arrest of the applicant in Crime No.43 of 2024, registered with Sonkhed Police Station, District Nanded for offences punishable under Sections 376(2)(n), 377, 292, 293, 500, 506, 509, 294 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC) and under Section 67(a) of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

2. Learned counsel for the applicant pointed out that, applicant is arrested in above crime on 16.03.2024. That, applicant is barely 23 years of age. Learned counsel submitted

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that1. This is an application for enlargement on regular bail on account of arrest of the applicant in Crime No.43 of 2024, registered with Sonkhed Police Station, District Nanded for offence there are love relations between applicant and victim, and there are several WhatsApp messages suggesting their such relations. That, false story is narrated at belated stage. There are allegations that, obscene videos/photographs were made threatening to be made viral. That, learned counsel submitted that, he did not indulge in such act, rather the person, who has enmity retrieve the photos and made it viral. That, even the mobile, which was used was not belonging to the applicant. That, he is a young boy. Lastly learned counsel submitted that, investigation is over in May 2024, and applicant is behind the bars since almost one year. That, he will not misuse the liberty and as he is ready to abide all and any conditions imposed by this Court, learned counsel urges for grant of bail.

3. Learned APP opposed the application on the ground that, victim is also a girl around 20 years of age. That, by blackmailing and threatening to make her photographs viral, her undue advantage was taken. That, persons to whom photographs were made viral, their statements are recorded, and

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therefore, considering the serious allegation, learned APP opposes the bail application.

4. Heard. Perused the FIR. Informant-father has reported that, his daughter studied in 12th Standards, and was studying with his sister to complete some course. On 14.03.2024, he got the news about his daughter consuming poison. He reached the Hospital and made inquiry, and claims to have learnt that present applicant was taking advantage of acquaintance with his daughter and had taken her various places and had maintained physical relations with her, and even had done video shooting of the intimacy, and further threatened to make it viral. That, because of it, his daughter had consumed poison. On receipt of such information, father has set the law in motion resulting into registration of above crime. Subsequently, the girl is reported to have expired. Thus, girl seems to have consumed some poison on 14.03.2024 and she has committed suicide. Exhibit D contains several WhatsApp chats allegedly exchanged between applicant and victim. Other co-accused is already granted bail by this Court by order dated 22.10.2024.

5. Taking the above material into consideration, and when investigation is over and charge-sheet is already filed in May 2024, and as such applicant being behind the bars since almost

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one year, and when no further recovery or discovery is shown to be made at the instance of applicant, and considering the age of the applicant, relief as prayed deserves to be granted. Hence the following order:

ORDER

- (i) Application is allowed.
- (ii) Applicant Vishvanath Sopan Jadhav, be released on bail in connection with Crime No.43 of 2024, registered with Sonkhed Police Station, District Nanded on executing Personal Bond of Rs.15,000/- with one surety in the like amount on following conditions:
 - [a] The applicant shall not tamper prosecution evidence.
 - [b] The applicant shall not enter the vicinity of village Shevadi Bajirao, Tq. Loha, District Nanded.
 - [c] The applicant shall not leave the area of jurisdiction of the concerned police station till conclusion of trial, except attending the dates before trial Court.
 - [d] The applicant shall attend the concerned police station twice in every week i.e. on every Monday and Thursday between 10:00 a.m. to 02:00 p.m. and maintain personal diary of his attendance till committal of case and thereafter, shall regularly attend each and every effective date before the trial court.

**ABHAY S. WAGHWASE,
JUDGE**