



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

941 BAIL APPLICATION NO. 603 OF 2025

MAHADEV KISHAN SONAWANE
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Amir Mohammad (Through Legal Aid)
APP for Respondent/State : Mr. V.M. Jaware
Advocate for Respondent 2 : Mr.M.S. Hange (appointed)
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CORAM : ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.

DATE : 13/06/2025

P.C. :

1. Heard the learned counsel for the applicant, the learned APP for the respondent-State and Mr. M.S. Hange, learned counsel appointed for respondent No. 2.
2. The applicant is seeking bail as he was arrested in connection with Crime No. 343/2024 dated 31.7.2024 registered with Tuljapur Police Station, District Dharashiv for the offences punishable under sections 376(1), 376(2)(j), 376(2)(m), 376(2)(n) of I.P.C. and sections 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 of the Protection of Children From Sexual Offences Act, 2012.
3. The case against the applicant is registered by the informant, who is father of the victim. In the F.I.R., it is alleged that the applicant has kept physical relationship with the daughter of the informant, aged 15 years and the applicant has made the victim pregnant. As per the chargesheet, the applicant is 72 years old. After termination of pregnancy of the victim, DNA sample of abortus was collected and in the D.N.A. report, opinion is given that the applicant is the biological father of the abortus and victim girl is the biological mother of the abortus.

4. Considering this aspect of the matter, I am of the view that no case is made out for grant of regular bail to the applicant. Hence, the application is dismissed. However, the applicant is at liberty to file fresh bail application, if the trial does not commence within one year from today.
5. Legal Services Sub-Committee, Aurangabad is directed to pay fees of Rs.10,000/- to the learned counsel appointed for respondent No. 2/victim.
6. It is clarified that the observations made in this order are limited to the disposal of the present bail application. The concerned Court shall proceed further in the matter without being influenced by the observations made hereinabove.
7. The application stands disposed of.

[ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.]

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