



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

925 BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1114 OF 2025

Shakuntala Suresh Raut

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra And Another

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Shekade Shashikant E.

APP for Respondents-State: Mr. G. O. Wattamwar

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AND

931 BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1176 OF 2025

Mahesh Mohan Chandane

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra And Another

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Shekade Shashikant E

APP for Respondents-State: Ms. P. V. Diggikar

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CORAM : ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.

Dated : July 04, 2025.

PER COURT :-

1. Heard the learned counsel for the applicants and the learned APP for the respondent-State.
2. The applicants are seeking bail as they were arrested in connection with FIR No.0300/2025, dated 31/05/2025, registered with Shivaji Nagar Police Station, Beed, District Beed, for the offences punishable under Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the *Prevention of Immoral Traffic Act, 1959*, and under Section 143(2) of the *Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023*.
3. The learned counsel for the applicants submits that when the raid was conducted, the applicants were caught and the offence was registered against them. In Bail Application No.1114/2025, there are two antecedents

against the applicant, whereas in Bail Application No.1176/2025, there are no antecedents. He further submits that the offences under Sections 5 and 6 of the *Prevention of Immoral Traffic Act, 1959*, would not be applicable to the instant case as the victim is 36 years of age and was voluntarily engaging in the activity, and that the applicants have nowhere induced the victim. The allegation against the applicants is that they were using the victim for the business of prostitution. The learned counsel further submits that the offences under Sections 3 and 4 are punishable with imprisonment of two to three years. He also submits that Section 143(2) of the *Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023*, would not apply in the facts of the case.

4. Considering the above submissions and also taking into account that the applicants are in custody since 31/05/2025, they are released on bail on the following terms and conditions : -

- a] The applicants shall be released on bail in connection with FIR No.0300/2025, dated 31/05/2025, registered with Shivaji Nagar Police Station, Beed, District Beed, for the offences punishable under Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the *Prevention of Immoral Traffic Act, 1959*, and under Section 143(2) of the *Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023*, on furnishing a P.R. bond of ₹25,000/- each with one or two sureties in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court.
- b] The applicants, upon being released on bail, shall not contact the informant in any manner whatsoever during the pendency of the trial.
- c] The applicants shall cooperate with the trial Court and shall

attend each and every date of hearing unless exempted by the trial Court.

d] The applicants shall not tamper with the evidence of the prosecution and shall not influence the informant, witnesses, or any other persons concerned with the case.

e] The applicants, upon being released on bail, shall place on record before the trial Court their contact numbers and residential addresses, and shall update the same in the event of any change.

f] The applicants shall not indulge in any similar kind of offence, failing which the bail granted to them shall be liable to be cancelled.

5. Needless to say, in case of violation of any of the aforesaid conditions, the bail granted to the applicants shall be liable to be cancelled.

6. It is clarified that the observations made in this order are limited to the disposal of the present bail applications. The concerned Court shall proceed further in the matter uninfluenced by the observations made hereinabove.

7. The applications stand disposed of.

(ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.)

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