



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

924 BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1276 OF 2025

GANESH BHIMRAO BHARATI

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

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Advocate for Applicant : Mr. Abhaysinh K. Bhosle

APP for Respondent/State: Mr. D. J. Patil

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CORAM : ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.

DATE : 17.07.2025

P.C. :

1] Heard learned counsel for the applicant and the learned APP for the respondent-State.

2] The applicant is seeking bail as he was arrested on 06.06.2025 in connection with Crime No.0523/2025 dated 06.06.2025, registered with MIDC Waluj Police Station, District Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar for the offences punishable under Section 143 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 & under Sections 3, 4, 5, 7(1)(b) of the Prevention of Immoral Trafficking Act, 1956.

3] The case against the applicant is that on 05.06.2025 raid was conducted on the lodge, wherein it was found that the applicant was the Manager of the hotel and business of prostitution was going on in the hotel. From

the customer Rs.1,500/- received by the applicant for prostitution. The learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is merely a Manager and that the money taken was distributed between the owner and the women engaged in the business of prostitution and he is a salaried employee. He submits that the ladies involved were major and doing business on their own volition. He further submits that there are no antecedents against the applicant and that he is merely an employee of the lodge. He also submits that he is arrested on 06.06.2025 and the investigation is substantially completed in the matter and that the applicant's further custody may not be required in the matter.

4] Per contra, the learned APP submits that since the applicant is involved in the part of the transaction, his involvement in the offence is seen and his bail application may be rejected.

5] Considering the role of the applicant, and the nature of allegations and that the investigation is substantially completed and there are no antecedents, bail can be granted to the applicant.

6] In view of the above, the application is allowed in the following terms :

a] The applicant shall be released on bail in connection with Crime No.0523/2025 dated 06.06.2025, registered with MIDC Waluj Police Station, District Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar for the offences punishable under Section 143 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 & under Sections 3, 4, 5, 7(1)(b) of the Prevention of Immoral Trafficking Act, 1956, on furnishing PR bond of Rs.20,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

b] The applicant shall attend the concerned police station once in a week till filing of the charge-sheet.

c] The applicant, upon being released on bail, shall not contact the informant, in any manner whatsoever, during the pendency of the trial.

d] The applicant shall co-operate with the trial Court and he shall attend each and every date, unless exempted by the trial Court.

e] The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence of the prosecution and he shall not influence the informant, witnesses and other persons concerned with the case.

f] The applicant, upon being released on bail, shall place on record of the trial Court the details of his Contact Number and residential address with updates in case of any change.

7] Needless to say, in case of violation of any of the aforesaid conditions, the bail granted to the applicant shall be liable to be cancelled.

8] It is also 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.

9] The application stands disposed of.

[ARUN R. PEDNEKER]
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