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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 422 OF 2025**

Deepak Somnath Talwad ...Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr. Swaraj Jadhav a/w Mr. Mohan M. Chavan i/b Mr. Vijay R. Garad
for the Applicant.

Mr. A. S. Shalgaonkar APP for the State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 19th NOVEMBER, 2025.

P.C.

1. The applicant is apprehending arrest in crime no. 406 of 2024 registered with Barshi Taluka Police Station Dist- Solapur for offences punishable under Sections 143(2) and 144(2) of Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023 and under Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 12th December 2024 on secret information, the police raided on tourist lodge. In the said raid, police found that prostitution was going on. Police arrested the customers and rescued victims. It is alleged that the applicant is the

owner of the said lodge.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant had given the said lodge on leave and licence basis. The applicant was not aware about the activities going on there. Investigation is almost completed, hence, custodial interrogation of the applicant is not required and requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant is the owner of the lodge where prostitution was going on. Earlier, the same offence was registered against the person to whom the applicant had given the lodge on leave and licence basis. Applicant was aware about the activities going on there. If the applicant released on bail he may threaten the victims and prosecution witnesses. Considering the allegations against the applicant, custodial interrogation of the applicant is required and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both the learned counsel, perused the FIR and documents produced on record.

6. It appears from the record that the lodge where prostitution was going on, was given on leave and licence basis by the applicant. Weather the applicant was aware about the illegal activity going on there, or not, is a part of evidence. Investigation is almost completed. Considering these facts, custodial interrogation of the applicant is not

required and I pass following order :

O R D E R

- I. Application is allowed
 - II. In the event of arrest, applicant be enlarged on bail in crime no. 406 of 2024 registered with Barshi Taluka Police Station Dist- Solapur on furnishing P. R. Bond in the sum of Rs. 20,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.
 - III. The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.
 - IV. The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.
7. Application is disposed of in above terms.
8. It is made clear that the above observations are made only for the purpose of granting bail and the Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits in accordance with law and uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.
9. All concerned to act on authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)