

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3172 OF 2025**

Shriniwas Shankar Gudur

...Applicant

Versus

State Of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Mr. Priyal Sarda a/w Mr. Shubham Sane a/w Mr. Onkar Bajaj
for the applicant

Mr. N. B. Patil APP for the State

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 29th SEPTEMBER 2025

P.C.:

1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in C.R. No. 85 of 2025 registered with Faujdar Chawadi Police Station, Solapur, District: Solapur for offences punishable under Sections 143, 143(2), 143(3) and 144(2) of the Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023 and under Sections, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.

2. It is the prosecution's case that the applicant is the manager of the lodge where he alongwith co-accused was

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running prostitution under the name of 'Aqua Spa Centre'. On secret information, police conducted raid on the said Spa Centre. Police had arrested the applicant on the spot alongwith Rs. 1500/-.

3. It is the contention of learned counsel for applicant that applicant is behind bar for more than eight months. The applicant has no antecedents. The victim have stated that they were not detained by the applicant nor they were forced for prostitution by the applicant. It may take time to conclude the trial. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is the contention of learned APP that the applicant was partner of the said Spa Centre. He was present on the spot of incident. The statement of the victim shows that the applicant forced her to do the prostitution. if applicant is released on bail, he may abscond or threaten the prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard all the learned counsel, perused F.I.R. and documents produced on record. The victims found at Spa Centre are major. One victim has stated that she was not

detained nor she was forced for prostitution. The applicant is behind bar for more than 8 months. Charge is not framed. The applicant has no antecedents. It may take time to conclude the trial.

6. Considering these facts, I pass following order:

ORDER

I. The Application is allowed.

II. The Applicant be enlarged on bail in C.R. No. 85 of 2025 registered with Faujdar Chawadi Police Station, Solapur, District: Solapur on executing PR.Bond in the sum of Rs. 20,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

III. The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

IV. The Applicant shall attend the Trial Court dates, regularly.

7. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed off.

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 the authenticated copy of this order.

[SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.]