

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 3513 OF 2025

Vishal Chandrakant Dhotre ...Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr. Ritesh Thobde a/w Mr. Changdev Shingade, Mr. Darshan Singh Rajpurohit, Mr. Pushkaraj Udaysinh Yadav-Deshmukh and Adv. Marvin Bardeskar, Advocate for the applicant.

Mr. P. P. Deokar, APP for the Respondent-State.

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CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 12th NOVEMBER, 2025

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1. By this application, applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 223 of 2025 registered with Vijapur Naka Police Station, Solapur, District: Solapur for the offences punishable under Sections 3, 4, 5, 6 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 and Sections 143,(2)(3), 144(2) of the Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 23rd May 2025 on secret information police raided at Maya Spa Center, where prostitution was going on and police arrested the customer and victims. It is alleged that the applicant is the Manager of said Spa.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for applicant that applicant is behind bar for more than five months. Investigation is completed charge sheet has been filed. The Applicant has no antecedents. Hence requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the applicant is the Manager of said Spa, where prostitution was going on. The statement of victim was recorded. She has stated that the applicant forced her for prostitution and he used to take half of amount from the victims received by them. If applicant released on bail, he may abscond or threaten victims and prosecution witnesses and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsels, perused the FIR and documents produced on record. The applicant is behind bar for more than five months. Investigation is completed and charge sheet has been filed. The applicant has no antecedents. Considering these facts, his further detention is not required.

6. In view of the above, I pass the following order:

ORDER

- (i) Application is allowed;
- (ii) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 223 of 2025 registered with Vijapur Naka Police

Station, Solapur, District: Solapur, on executing P.R.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 victim/ complainant, 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.)