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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 919 OF 2025

Abhijeet Malikarjouon Harge ...Appellant
Versus
State Of Maharashtra And Others ...Respondents

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Ms. Sneha Sule a/w Rishikesh Suryawanshi Advocate for Respondent No. 3.
Mr. S. S. Chaudhari, APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 19th DECEMBER, 2025

P.C.

1. By this appeal, the appellant is apprehending arrest in crime no.230 of 2025 registered with Mahatma Gandhi Chowk Police Station Dist- Sangli for offences punishable under Sections 74 and 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023 and under Sections 3(2)(va), 3(1)(r), 3(1)(s), 3(1)(w)(i) and 3(1)(w)(ii) of The Scheduled Castes And The Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

2. It is prosecution's case that appellant and co-accused called the first informant near Miraj ST Stand. They took her in car and the appellant outraged the modesty of the first informant and abused her

on caste.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the appellant that the appellant has been falsely implicated in this case. Investigation is completed. Charge-sheet has been filed. The alleged incident of abused on caste is happened in car and not in public view. hence, requested to allow the appeal.

4. It is contention of learned APP and with learned counsel for respondent no. 3 that the appellant and co-accused taken the first informant in car and the appellant outraged the modesty of the first informant and abused her on caste. Considering the allegations against the appellant, his custodial interrogation is required and requested to reject the appeal.

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

6. It appears from the record that Investigation is completed. Charge-sheet has been filed. The alleged incident of abused on caste is happened in car and not in public view. Considering this fact, custodial interrogation of the appellant is not required and I pass following order :

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7. The appeal is allowed
8. In the event of arrest, appellant be enlarged on bail in crime no.230 of 2025 registered with Mahatma Gandhi Chowk Police Station Dist- Sangli on furnishing P. R. Bond in the sum of Rs. 20,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.
9. The appellant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.
10. The appeal is disposed of in above terms.
11. 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.
12. All concerned to act on authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)