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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2425 OF 2025

Sandesh Ashok Salve ...Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr. Jaydeep D. Mane, for the Applicant.

Ms. Priyanka S. Rane, APP, for the Respondent – State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.
DATE : 25th NOVEMBER, 2025.

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1. Applicant is apprehending arrest in Crime No.223 of 2025 registered with Vijapur Naka Police Station, Dist. Solapur City for the offences punishable under Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 and Sections 143(2)(3) and 144(2) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. It is prosecution's case that on secret information, the police had raided on Maya Spa Center, Attar Complex, Nobel House 2nd Floor, Vijapur Road, Solapur and they found that prostitution was going on there. It is alleged that the applicant is the owner of the said

spa and he was compelling the victims for prostitution and taken amount from them.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for applicant that the statements of the victims under Section 164 of Cr.P.C. have been recorded and in the said statements, the victims have not stated anything against the applicant. The applicant has no antecedents. While on interim relief, the applicant has co-operated in the investigation. 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 was running prostitution in their spa. He was compelling the victims for prostitution and taking amount from them. Considering the allegations against the applicant, his custodial interrogation is required and requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both the learned counsels, perused the FIR and documents placed on record.

6. It appears from the record that the statements of victims are recorded under Section 164 of Cr.P.C. In the said statements, they have not stated anything against the applicant. While on interim relief, the applicant has co-operated in the investigation. The

investigation is almost completed. Charge-sheet has been filed. It may take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, custodial interrogation of the applicant is not required and I pass the following order :

ORDER

- I. Application is allowed;
 - II. In the event of arrest, the applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No.223 of 2025 registered with Vijapur Naka Police Station, Dist. Solapur City, 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 attend the concerned police station as and when required.
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 anticipatory 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.)