

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

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO.2942 OF 2025

Jagnnath Jhaman Yadav

... Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Mr. Prabhanjay R. Dave for the Applicant.

Mr. R. M. Pethe, APP for the Respondent-State.

PI Shrikant Ingavale, Malvali PS is present.

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.

DATE : 04TH NOVEMBER 2025

P.C. :

1. This is an Application for anticipatory bail.
2. The Applicant is apprehending his arrest in Crime No.708 of 2025 registered at Malwani Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 143(3), 144(2), 336(3), 319(2), 318(4), 338, 340(2), 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 3, 4, 5 and 7 of the Prevention of Immoral Trafficking Act, 1956.
3. It is the case of the prosecution that on 07th June 2025, police officials received information about prostitution activity. Raid was conducted victims were rescued. It is alleged that they were brought illegally from Bangladesh to India and were made to indulge into prostitution activity.
4. I have heard Learned Counsel for the Applicant and Learned APP for the Respondent-State.

5. Learned Counsel for the Applicant submits that the Applicant has nothing to do with the alleged crime. It is submitted that in the statement recorded on 10th June 2025 the victims have not attributed any role to the present Applicant in the alleged crime. It is submitted that for the first time after one month, the victims have stated that the present Applicant was running the said brothel. It is further submitted that there are no criminal antecedents against the Applicant and custodial interrogation of the Applicant is not necessary. It is submitted that the prosecution has already filed chargesheet against the other co-accused. Learned Counsel for the Applicant, on instructions, submits that the Applicant, without prejudice to his rights and contentions, is ready to deposit an amount of Rs.50,000/- with National Defence Fund (NDF).

6. On the other hand, Learned APP for the Respondent-State submits that the Applicant is involved in a serious crime. It is submitted that the Applicant was running the brothel in question. It is thus submitted that the Applicant may not be released on anticipatory bail.

7. I have perused the statements of victims. In the statement recorded on 10th June 2025, they have not attributed any role to the Applicant. The prosecution has already filed chargesheet against the co-accused. There appears to be no need of custodial interrogation. There are no criminal antecedents against the Applicant. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to release the Applicant on anticipatory bail. Hence, the following order:

ORDER

- i. The Anticipatory Bail Application is allowed.

- ii. In the event of the arrest of the Applicant in Crime No.708 of 2025 registered at Malwani Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 143(3), 144(2), 336(3), 319(2), 318(4), 338, 340(2), 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 3, 4, 5 and 7 of the Prevention of Immoral Trafficking Act, 1956, he shall be released on bail on furnishing a PR Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) with one or two sureties in the like amount.
- iii. The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when called by the investigating officer for the purpose of interrogation, if any.
- iv. The Applicant shall pay an amount of Rs.50,000/- to the National Defence Fund (NDF) within a period of four weeks from today and shall deposit receipt with the concerned investigating officer.

8. The Anticipatory Bail Application is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(N.R. BORKAR, J.)