

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 2396 OF 2025**

Mahadev Sukhdev Solankar ...Applicant
vs.

The State of Maharashtra and anr ...Respondents

Mr. Hrishikesh Shinde for the applicant

Mr. Sajid A. Bagwan a/w Mr. Pritesh Kharade for respondent no. 2

Ms. P. S. Rane, APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI, J.

DATE : 5th JANUARY 2026.

P.C.

1. The applicant is apprehending arrest in C. R. No. 317 of 2025 dated 14th June 2025 registered with Solapur Taluka Police Station, District Solapur for offence punishable under Sections 64, 351(1), 64(2)(M), 75, 78, 87 and 308(3) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 67(A) of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

2. Prosecutrix has lodged F.I.R. against the applicant, alleging forcible physical relations, blackmailing and extortion.

3. Heard learned counsel for the applicant, learned APP for the State and learned advocate for the respondent-prosecutrix. Perused the record.

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4. Though it is alleged in the F.I.R. that the applicant forcibly established physical relations with the prosecutrix and blackmailed her, the documents placed on record by the applicant in the form of exchange of WhatsApp messages between the applicant and prosecutrix *prima facie* show that the relations between them were consensual.

5. The applicant is a police officer and serving at Solapur. Learned advocate for the prosecutrix contends that the applicant stays in the same colony and being police officer, the applicant will influence the investigation.

6. The applicant has co-operated in the investigation and has surrendered his cellphone. No custodial interrogation and/or detention of the applicant is warranted in the peculiar facts of the present case. In the result, the application is allowed by confirming the interim order dated 15th October 2025.

7. The applicant shall cooperate in the investigation and attend the police station as and when called by the Investigating Officer.

8. The applicant shall be transferred from Solapur.

(NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI, J.)