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

CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO. 4793 OF 2025

Anil Datta Pilane

... Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr.

... Respondents

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Mr.Aniket Nikam a/w Ms.Abhilasha Pawar, Mr.Sumit Patil and Mr.Luv Suchak, for the Applicant.

Mr.S.S. Pednekar, APP for Respondent-State.

Mr.Ishan Paradkar, for Respondent No.2.

Mr.S.A. Patil, API, Bharti Vidyapeeth Police Station, Pune.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 12th FEBRUARY 2026

P.C.:

. By this Application, the Applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No.167 of 2025 registered with Bharati Vidyapeeth Police Station, Pune, for the offences punishable under Sections 137(2), 64, 64(2)(m) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 ('BNS' for short) and Sections 4, 5(1), 6, 8 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 ('POCSO' for short).

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2. It is prosecution's case that Applicant kidnapped minor daughter of the First Informant and sexually assaulted her.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the Applicant that there was love affair between the Applicant and victim aged more than 16 years old. Earlier the Applicant and victim had eloped. The complainant was lodged against the Applicant. The Applicant was arrested and he was released on bail. Thereafter, Applicant and victim went together stayed for several days but victim did not make hue and cry. The Applicant is behind bars for more than ten months, and requested to allow the Application.

4. It is contention of learned APP along with learned counsel for Respondent No.2 that the Applicant kidnapped minor daughter of the First Informant and sexually assaulted her. The Applicant was aware about age of the victim. If the Applicant released on bail, he may abscond or threaten victim and prosecution witnesses, and requested to reject the Application.

5. I have heard all learned counsel. Perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record.

6. At the time of the incident, victim was around 16 years old.

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In her statement she has stated that she had love affair with the Applicant and stayed with the Applicant for several days, but she did not make hue and cry. The Applicant is behind bars for more than ten months. There is no progress in trial. It may take time to conclude the trial.

7. Considering these facts, I pass following order.

ORDER

- (i) The Applicant-Anil Datta Pilane, be released on bail in Crime No.167 of 2025 registered with Bharati Vidyapeeth Police Station, Pune, on furnishing PR bond of Rs.25,000/- with one or two solvent sureties in the like amount.
- (iii) The Applicant shall not tamper with the evidence and/or influence the prosecution witnesses.
- (iv) The Trial Court shall decide the case on its own merits and in accordance with law, uninfluenced by the observations made in this order.
- (v) The Applicant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when required.
- (vi) Application is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)