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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL BAIL APPLICATION NO.641 OF 2026**

Satish Bhoja Shetty

...Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

Mr. Mayuresh Ingale along with Mr. Abhishek Salian i/b. Nyaya Legal,
Advocates for Applicant.

Ms. Sangeeta Phad, APP for Respondent-State.

CORAM : SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.

DATE : 9th MARCH, 2026.

P.C. :

1. By this application, the applicant is seeking regular bail in Crime No. 356 of 2025 registered with Dehu Road Police Station, District Pune, for the offences punishable under 143(3) and 395) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.

2. It is prosecution's case that on 4th October 2025, on secret information, the police raided Trimurti Lodge and found that prostitution was going on inside the lodge. It is alleged that the applicant was the manager of the said lodge.

3. It is contention of learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is behind bars for more than five months. The applicant has no

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antecedents. The statement of the victim recorded by the police does not show the involvement of the applicant in the crime. Hence, requested to allow the application.

4. It is contention of learned APP that the police raided the spot where the applicant was working as manager and prostitution was going on there. It shows the involvement of the applicant in the crime. If the applicant is released on bail, he may abscond or threaten the prosecution witnesses. Hence, requested to reject the application.

5. I have heard both learned counsel, perused charge-sheet and documents produced on record. The allegation against the applicant is that he was the manager of the hotel where prostitution was going on. However, the statement of the victim recorded by the police does not show the involvement of the applicant in the said crime. The applicant has no antecedents. He is behind bars for more than five months. Investigation is completed and the charge sheet has been filed. It may take time to conclude the trial. Considering these facts, I pass the following order:

ORDER

- (i) The applicant be enlarged on bail in Crime No. 356 of 2025 registered with Dehu Road Police Station, District Pune, on executing P.R.Bond in the sum of Rs.30,000/- with one or two sureties in the like amount.

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(ii) The applicant shall attend the concerned police station as and when required.

(iii) The applicant shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to influence or contact the complainant, witnesses or any person concerned with the case.

The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms and is accordingly disposed of.

6. 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.

7. All concerned to act on the authenticated copy of this order.

(SHIVKUMAR DIGE, J.)