



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 587 OF 2025

Mr.Munna @ Shashikant Bajranglal Agrawal Vs. State of Maharashtra
and anr.

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Coram, appearances, Court's orders
or directions and Registrar's orders.

Court's or Judge's Orders.

Mr.Vivek Bharadwaj, Advocate for the Appellant.
Mr.B.M.Lonare,APP for the State.
Ms.Sakshi S.Rathod, Advocate for Respondent No.2

CORAM : NEERAJ P DHOTE, J.

DATE : 26/02/2026

1. This is an Appeal under Section 14-A of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (for short SC and ST Act), as the Application for anticipatory bail filed by the Appellant before the learned Sessions Court, Buldhana bearing Application No. 537 of 2025 came to be rejected by an order dated 17.11.2025.

2. Heard the learned Advocate for the Appellant, learned APP and the learned Advocate appearing for the Respondent no.2 Victim.

3. The case of the prosecution is that, the Appellant and two (2) others threatened the Respondent no.2, who was the labour with the Appellant to withdraw the case/ complaint lodged by the Respondent no.2 against one Manish, Rajesh and Prasanna for outraging her modesty. As the Respondent no.2 was in need of Rs.5,000/-, she approached the Appellant and as a condition, the Respondent no.2 was asked to withdraw the said complaint/ case. After accepting the amount of Rs. 5,000/-, when the Respondent no.2 refused to accept the said demand, the Appellant abused on the caste and the unknown persons manhandled her.

4. The aforesaid Crime is registered for the offence punishable under Sections 3(1)(r),3(1)(s) 3(2)(va) of the SC and ST Act and for the offence punishable under Sections 115(2), 352 r/w Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. Undisputedly, the incident had taken place in the car, which therefore cannot be said that, the incident had taken place in a public place. Only the accused persons were in the car. The Appellant was protected by interim order dated 19.12.2025. It is nobodies case that, the Appellant breached any of the condition. In view of the above, *prima facie* offence under the SC and ST Act is not seen. Hence the interim protection granted earlier is confirmed.

5. The Appellant shall attend the concerned Police Station as and when called and shall co-operate with the investigating machinery.
6. All the other conditions shall remain the same.
7. The Appeal stands disposed of.

JUDGE