



Cri. Bail Appl. No. 1262/2026
(CNR No. : MHPU01-002958-2026)

Jeevan Ingole
Vs.
State of Maharashtra

ORDER BELOW EXH. 1

1. This is an application for regular bail filed by the applicant/accused **Jeevan Pramod Ingole** under Section **483** of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 in connection with Crime No. **45/2026**, registered with Police Station, Sahkarnagar, Pune for the offence punishable under Sections 143, 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (In short referred to as “BNS”), Sections 3, 4, 5 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 and Sections 4, 17 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (In short referred to as “POCSO”).

2. The prosecution has filed say and opposed this bail application. The victim filed say on record and strongly resisted this application.

3. Heard learned advocate for the applicant/accused and Spl.PP. for the State. Perused application, say filed by the Prosecution and police papers.

Brief facts of Prosecution story are as under ;

4. Complainant LPC lodged complaint that on the basis of secret information they have conducted raid on Shree Sai Lodge, Satara Road, Pune. Lady agent accused Varsha Shirsath came there by auto-rickshaw along with minor girl. Bogus customer had given intimation, accordingly raid was conducted. Jeevan Pramod Ingole

was on reception counter. Bogus customer and victim, aged about 16 years, 3 months was found in the room. On inquiry, she stated that accused Varsha Shankar Shirsath got acquainted with her and then introduced her with auto-rickshaw driver Anil Jedhe. They used to give snacks and money to her and lured by saying that they will give more money if victim is ready to do the work as stated by them. Thereafter accused Varsha and Anil used to send her to the lodge of Chinchwad and Pune along with stranger person and used to give Rs.1,000/- to her. When she refused for prostitution, they threatened her. Thereafter accused were doing prostitution from the said victim. Accused manager Jeevan Pramod Ingole and Anil Jedhe were caught hold on the spot. After inquiry FIR was registered against them. The accused were arrested on 14/02/2026.

5. It is argued by the learned advocate for the applicant/accused that accused Jeevan was working in the lodge as a cleaner, he is not manager of the lodge. The present accused was present on the spot, however his role is very much limited. He has not committed any offence. In the absence of manager he was present on the counter. Besides this, he has no knowledge about the said incident. Accused is in custody since 14/02/2026. Accused is ready to abide terms and conditions of the Court and hence prayed for grant of bail.

6. The learned Spl.PP. has submitted that victim is 16 years old. The accused was sitting on the counter as manager and he accepted money from the bogus customer. She further submitted

that the present accused has not obtained identity card of victim and he had not taken entry about the arrival of the victim. From this fact itself shows the involvement of the present accused in the said crime. Charge sheet is not filed. Investigation is still in progress. Victim stated name of other 17 girls. Therefore investigation to that effect is required to be conducted. Therefore accused should not be released on bail.

7. It seems that offence is serious. Victim is minor. Investigation is still in progress. Though the learned advocate for accused submitted that he has limited role in this case, however charge sheet is yet to be filed. Therefore considering serious nature of offence, thorough investigation is required to be conducted. Therefore, I am of the view that accused is not entitled for grant of bail at this juncture and I proceed to pass the following order.

ORDER

1. The application (Exh.1) is rejected.
2. The bail application is accordingly disposed of.

Pune.
Date : 02/04/2026.

[Kavita D. Shirbhate]
Special Judge (under POCSO Act) &
Additional Sessions Judge, Pune

