



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

919 ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 947 OF 2026

AJAY ASHOK KOLEKAR  
VERSUS  
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA

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Mr. S. P. Nimbalkar h/f Mr. Abhay Rajendra Nimbalkar, Advocate for Applicant  
Mr. S. G. Joshi, APP for the Respondent/State

CORAM : R. M. JOSHI, J.

DATED : 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2026

**P C. :-**

1. Learned Advocate for the applicant submits that, except for the allegation that the present applicant is the owner of the hotel wherein the alleged prostitution was being conducted, there is no other material to connect him with the crime. He drew the attention of the Court to the order passed by the learned Additional Sessions Court rejecting the anticipatory bail application to submit that no reasons have been recorded for rejection of the application, except a mere observation that the offences alleged are serious. It is his submission that, considering the nature of allegations against the applicant, his custodial interrogation is not necessary. He further submits that the applicant has no criminal antecedents.

2. Learned APP opposed grant of any ad-interim relief to the

applicant.

3. *Prima facie*, this Court finds substance in the contention of the learned Advocate for the applicant that this may be a case wherein custodial interrogation of the applicant is not necessary.

4. Having regard to these facts, the liberty of the applicant is granted till the prosecution is heard in the matter. Hence the order.

#### **ORDER**

(i) Till the next date, in the event of arrest of applicant in connection with Crime No. 0363/2026, registered with Newasa Police Station, Dist. Ahilyanagar for the offence punishable under Section 143 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and under Sections 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8 of the Prevention of Immoral Traffic Act, he shall be released on bail on furnishing PR Bond of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) with one solvent surety in the like amount.

(ii) He shall attend the concerned police station as and when called on written intimation by the Investigating Officer.

(iii) He shall not contact the witnesses directly or indirectly.

(iv) He shall not interfere with the evidence in any manner whatsoever.

(v) He is further directed to cooperate the investigating agency for further investigation.

5. Issue notice to the respondent, returnable on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2026.

Learned APP waives service of notice for respondent/State.

6. Learned APP for the Respondent/State to communicate this order to the concerned Police Station.

**( R. M. JOSHI, J.)**

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