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Sanjay Dutt to Play Gangster in 'Saheb Biwi Aur Gangster 3'

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MUMBAI—After a socially-relevant “Bhoomi,” Sanjay Dutt seems to have returned to his home ground, playing a gangster in the action drama “Saheb Biwi Aur Gangster 3” directed by Tigmanshu Dhulia.

The film is produced by Raju Chadha and is the third installment in the crime franchise. The first film, “Saheb Biwi Aur Gangster,” revolves around a royal family of Uttar Pradesh and stars Jimmy Sheirgill, Mahie Gill and Randeep Hooda in the lead roles. The film was extensively shot in Gujarat. The film received a positive response from critics, and though it did not do well at the box-office, is now considered a mini cult movie.

This led to a sequel, “Saheb Biwi Aur Gangster Returns,” starring Sheirgill and Gill with Irrfan Khan (then Irrfan) and Soha Ali Khan, was a flop in 2013 and did not get critical acclaim either. But, for what it is worth, Sheirgill had won the Best Actor Award for this film at the 11th Norway Bollywood Film Festival in Oslo.

The third installment goes on floors in August in Gujarat. Dutt has played a criminal/gangster in numerous films before and has enacted diverse shades of such characters in films as varied as “Khal-Nayak,” “Vaastav,” “Murna Bhai MBBS” and “Kaante.”

But Dhulia, whose best film in many ways remains his 2004 flop debut but classic “Haasil” and his totally unnoticed Nana Patekar project “Shagird” (2011), and who has been most acclaimed in “Paan Singh Tomar” (2012/break-even, we are told), had also miserably failed when he attempted to go commercial with “Bullett Raja” (2013).

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