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IN THE HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND AT NAINITAL
THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE ALOK KUMAR VERMA

12th DECEMBER, 2025

ANTICIPATORY BAIL APPLICATION NO. 1234 of 2025

Sah Ajhar and Another ...Applicants

Versus

State of Uttarakhand ...Respondent

Counsel for the Applicants : Mr. Rajveer Singh, Advocate
(through video conferencing).

Counsel for the Respondent : Mrs. Sweta Badola Dobhal,
Brief Holder.

Hon'ble Alok Kumar Verma,J.

This Application for anticipatory bail has been filed in Case Crime No. 395 of 2025, registered at Police Station Bhagwanpur, District Haridwar under Section 3, Section 5 read with Section 11 of the Uttarakhand Protection of Cow Progeny Act, 2007.

2. The Anticipatory Bail Application of the applicants has been rejected by the learned Ist Additional Sessions Judge, Roorkee, District Haridwar on 17.11.2025.

3. According to the First Information Report, on 12.11.2025, the police received a secret information that Sahnajar is slaughtering a cow along with Bilal, Sah Ajhar, Shahnawaj, Shadab and Usman in his house. The police raided the spot and recovered 265 kg. beef and other articles from the spot. The police arrested Bilal. He told the police that Sah Ajhar (applicant no.1),



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Sahnajar (applicant no.2), Shadab, Shahnawaj and Usman were among those who fled from the spot.

4. Heard Mr. Rajveer Singh, learned counsel for the applicants and Mrs. Sweta Badola Dobhal, learned Brief Holder for the respondent.

5. Mr. Rajveer Singh, Advocate, contended that the applicants were not present on the spot. The applicant no.2 is not the owner of the house from where the alleged beef is said to be recovered. Inaam S/o Mustaq is the owner of that house. Nothing was recovered from the possession of the applicants. Applicants are not convicted persons. They are permanent residents of District Haridwar, therefore, there is no possibility of their absconding, and, Shadab, Shahnawaj and Usman, the co-accused of similar role, have already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in Anticipatory Bail Application No.1227 of 2025.

6. Mrs. Sweta Badola Dobhal, Brief Holder, has opposed the anticipatory bail application orally.

7. Personal liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution of India is very precious fundamental right and it should be curtailed only when it becomes imperative according to the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case.

8. Having heard the submissions of learned



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counsel for the parties and keeping in view of the facts and circumstances of the case, the present Application, filed for anticipatory bail, is allowed. It is directed that in the event of arrest of the applicants Sah Ajhar and Sahnajar, they shall be released on anticipatory bail on executing a personal bond of Rs. 30,000/ - and two reliable sureties, each of the like amount, by each one of them, to the satisfaction of the Arresting Officer, subject to the following conditions: -

- (i) Applicants shall cooperate with the Investigating Agency and they shall make themselves available for interrogation by a police officer as and when required;
- (ii) If the charge-sheet is filed, the applicants shall attend the trial court regularly and they shall not seek any unnecessary adjournment;
- (iii) Applicants shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person, acquainted with the facts of this case;
- (iv) Applicants shall not leave the country without the previous permission of the trial court.

9. It is clarified that if the applicants misuse or violate any of the conditions, imposed upon them, the prosecution agency will be free to move the Court for cancellation of the anticipatory bail.

ALOK KUMAR VERMA, J.

Dt: 12.12.2025
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